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AND FRIENDS
ALL THE PRESENTS
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IT WOULD BE GREAT TO WIN A WHOLE MOUNTAIN OF GIFTS, HUH?
SOMETIMES IT SEEMS LIKE WE DON'T EVER HAVE ENOUGH TOYS!

HOWEVER, THERE ARE THINGS THAT ARE MORE IMPORTANT!
A SMALL LITTLE TWIST OF FATE CAN SHOW US ALL OF THAT!
IT ALL STARTED WHEN I WAS GETTING READY TO DELIVER GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS!

MONICA AND FRIENDS in ALL THE PRESENTS

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I NEED TO CLEAN THIS ALL UP AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!
THERE! THAT WASN'T SO BAD!
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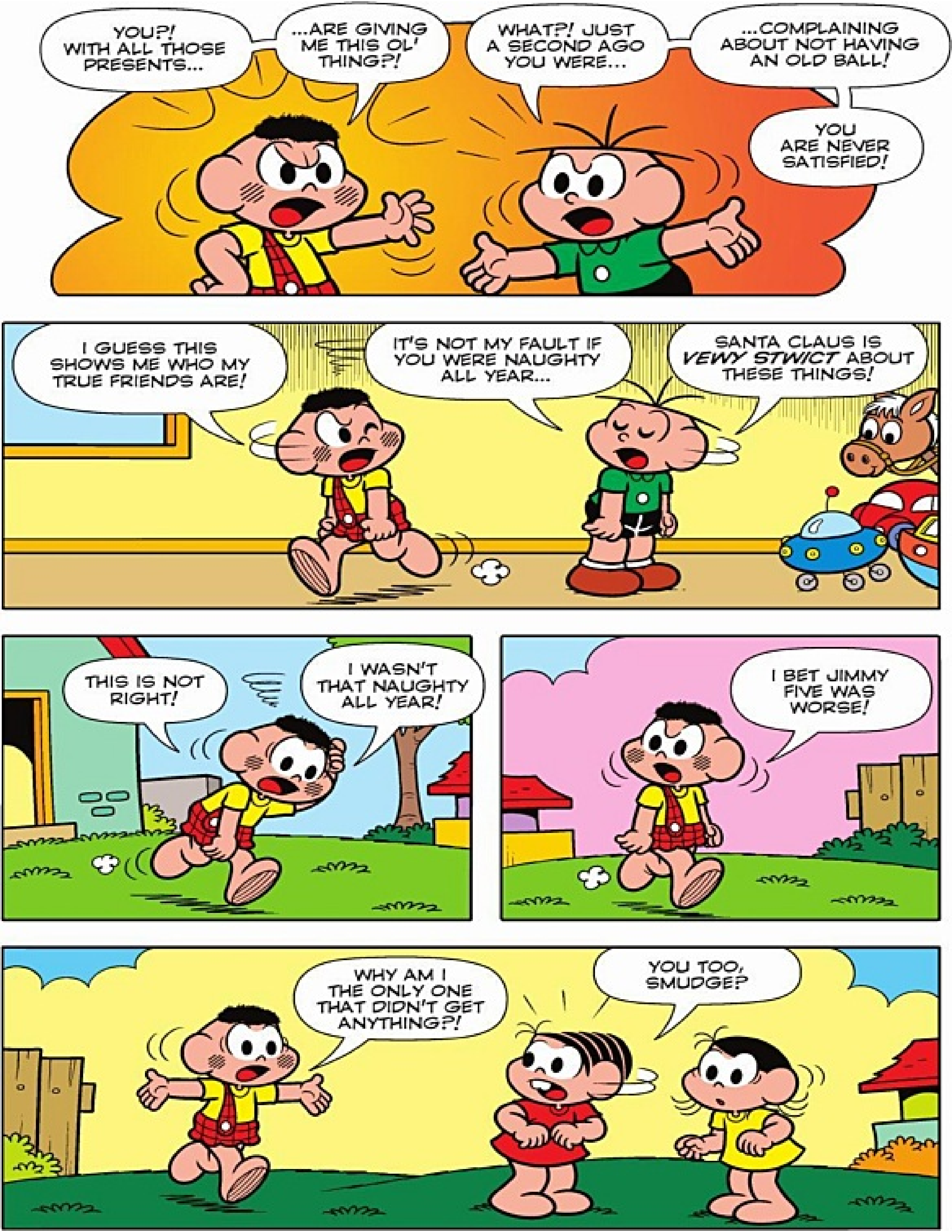
HERE IS THE LIST FOR LEMON STREET!
FINALLY!
SANTA CLAUS IS ON THE SLED ALREADY!
SO, ON THAT NIGHT...
LET'S START WITH THIS STREET!

STRANGE!
ALL OF THE PRESENTS ARE WRITTEN DOWN FOR THIS SAME ADDRESS?!
THEY MUST HAVE ORGANIZED A CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THEIR HOUSE!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
WHAT A GOOD IDEA!
IT'LL BE A GREAT PARTY!
AND, IT MADE OUR JOB A LOT EASIER!

THE FOLLOWING DAY...
IT'S MORNING!
I'M SO CUWIOUS TO SEE WHAT SANTA CLAUS BWOUGHT ME!
WOW!!!

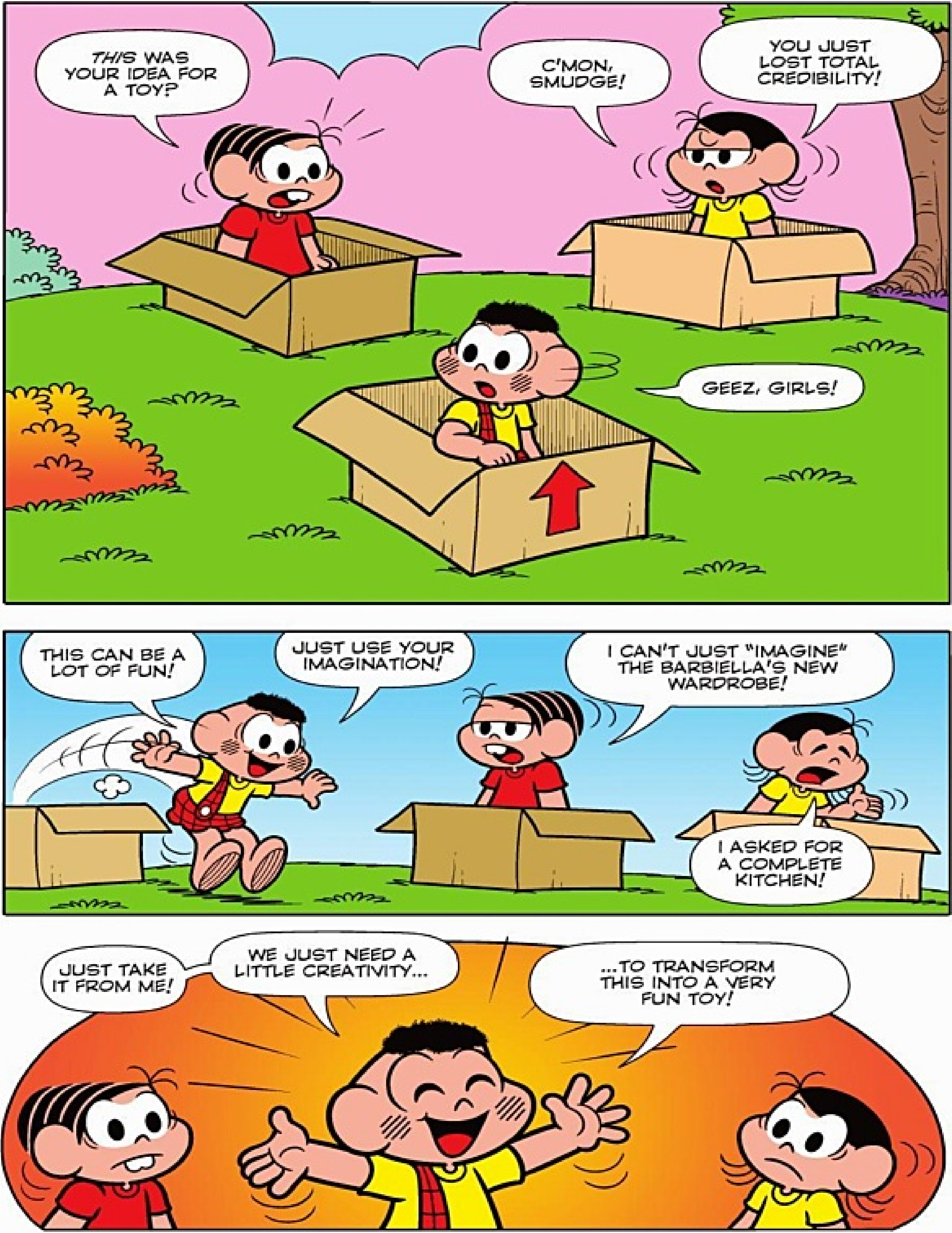
DID YOU DO THIS?
NO... MAYBE ONE OF OUR RELATIVES BECAME RICH ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
I'VE GOT SOOO MANY *PWESENTS*!
THIS IS THE BEST *CHWISTMAS* OF THEM ALL!!!
?
EACH *PWESENT* IS BETTER THAN THE LAST ONE!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHICH ONE TO OPEN FIRST!
BALDY, YOU GOT ALL THOSE PRESENTS?!
YEAH!!! I THINK I WAS A MUCH BETTER KID THIS YEAR THAN I THOUGHT!

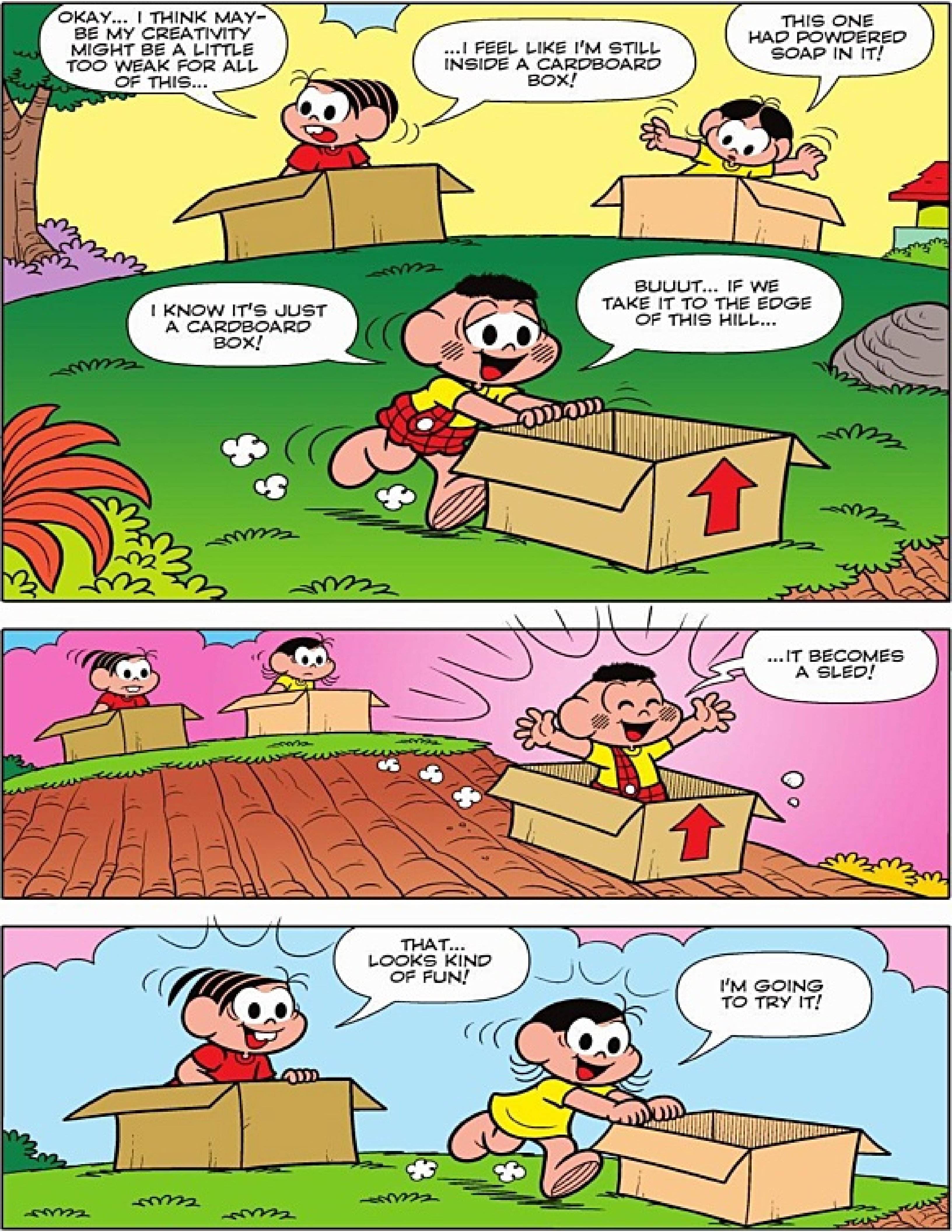
SO, I MUST HAVE BEEN HORRIBLE!
I DIDN'T GET ANY-THING!
NOTH-ING?
HOW?!
NOTH-ING!
GOOSE EGG!
NOT A THING!
NOT EVEN AN OLD BALL!!!
WOW, SMUDGE!
THAT'S *VEWY* SAD!
AS YOUR BEST *FWIEND*...
...I CAN'T SEE YOU LIKE THIS!
I'M GOING TO DO SOME-THING!
TAKE MY OLD SOCCER BALL!
I DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE!
I GOT A NEW ONE!


YOU?! WITH ALL THOSE PRESENTS...
...ARE GIVING ME THIS OL' THING?!
WHAT?! JUST A SECOND AGO YOU WERE...
...COMPLAINING ABOUT NOT HAVING AN OLD BALL!
YOU ARE NEVER SATISFIED!
I GUESS THIS SHOWS ME WHO MY TRUE FRIENDS ARE!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT IF YOU WERE NAUGHTY ALL YEAR...
SANTA CLAUS IS *VEWY STWICT* ABOUT THESE THINGS!
THIS IS NOT RIGHT!
I WASN'T THAT NAUGHTY ALL YEAR!
I BET JIMMY FIVE WAS WORSE!
WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE THAT DIDN'T GET ANYTHING?!
YOU TOO, SMUDGE?

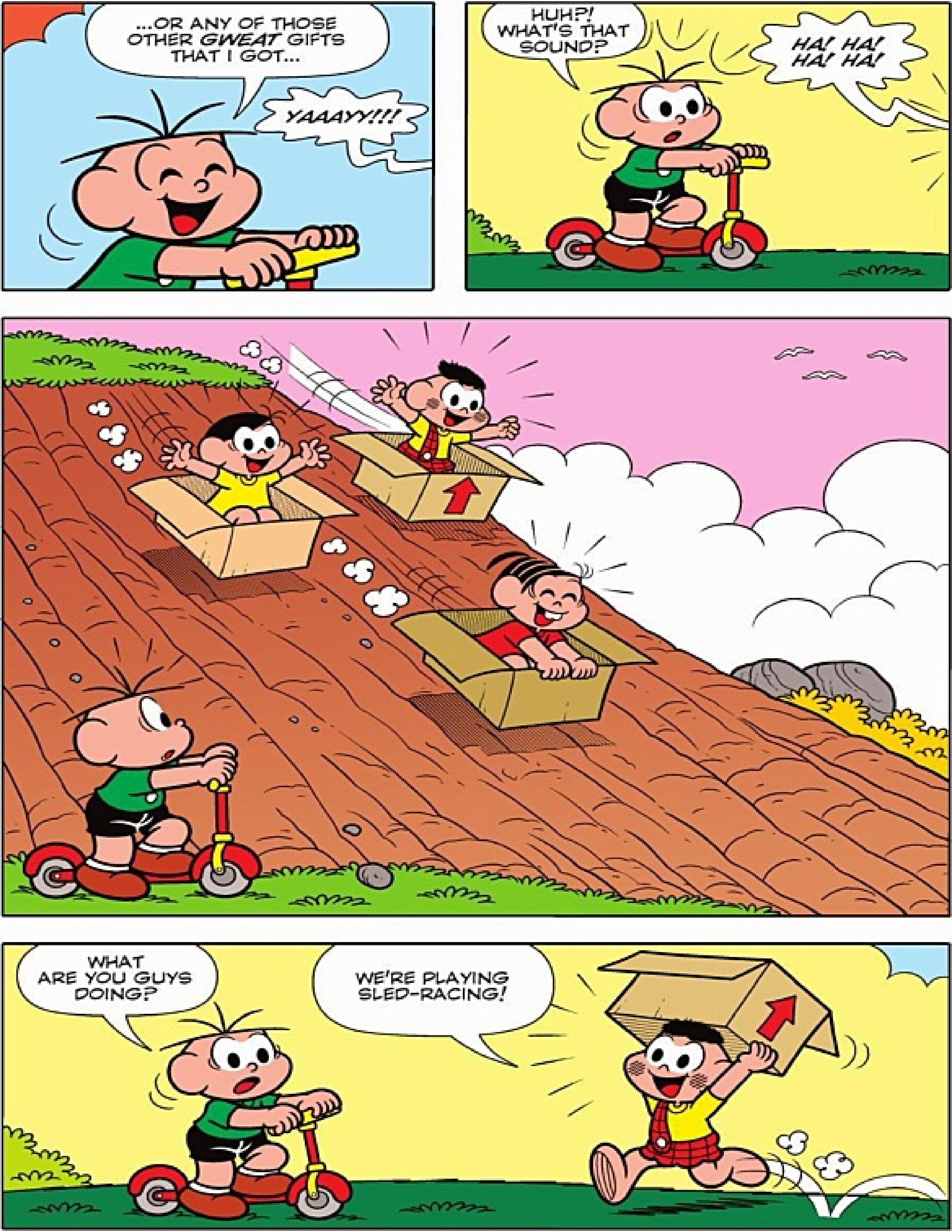
YOU GUYS DIDN'T GET PRESENTS TOO?
WE DIDN'T!
IT'S NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE!
WHAT DID WE DO WRONG?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT JIMMY FIVE DID SOMETHING VERY RIGHT!
...AND IT'S NO USE ASKING HIM BE-CAUSE HE DOESN'T GIVE US ANYTHING!
WHAT AN UN-FAIR WORLD!
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING NEW TO PLAY WITH!
THIS IS ALL SO SAD!!!

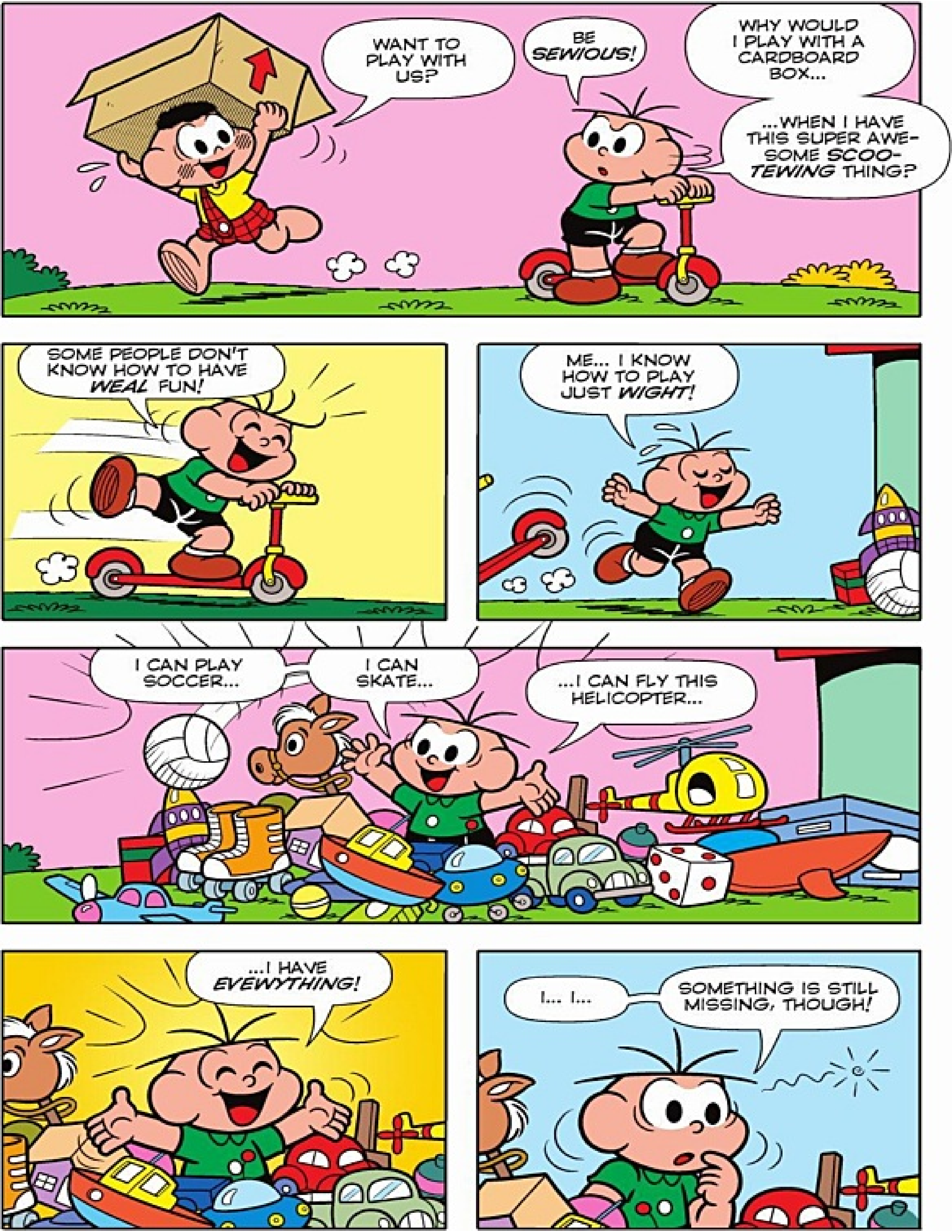
DON'T BE SAD, MAGGY!
I THINK I CAN DO SOMETHING TO CHEER YOU UP!
AW, REALLY?
STRAWBERRY TO ME!
WHAT?!
YOU SAID YOU COULD DO SOMETHING FOR ME, DIDN'T YOU?
NOTHING BETTER THAN ICE CREAM TO MAKE ME HAPPY!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
I THINK I CAN MAKE TOYS FOR ALL OF US!
SERI-OUSLY?!
YOU WOULD DO THAT?!
THAT'S WHY I LIKE SMUDGE SO MUCH!
I'VE GOT FAITH IN YOU!

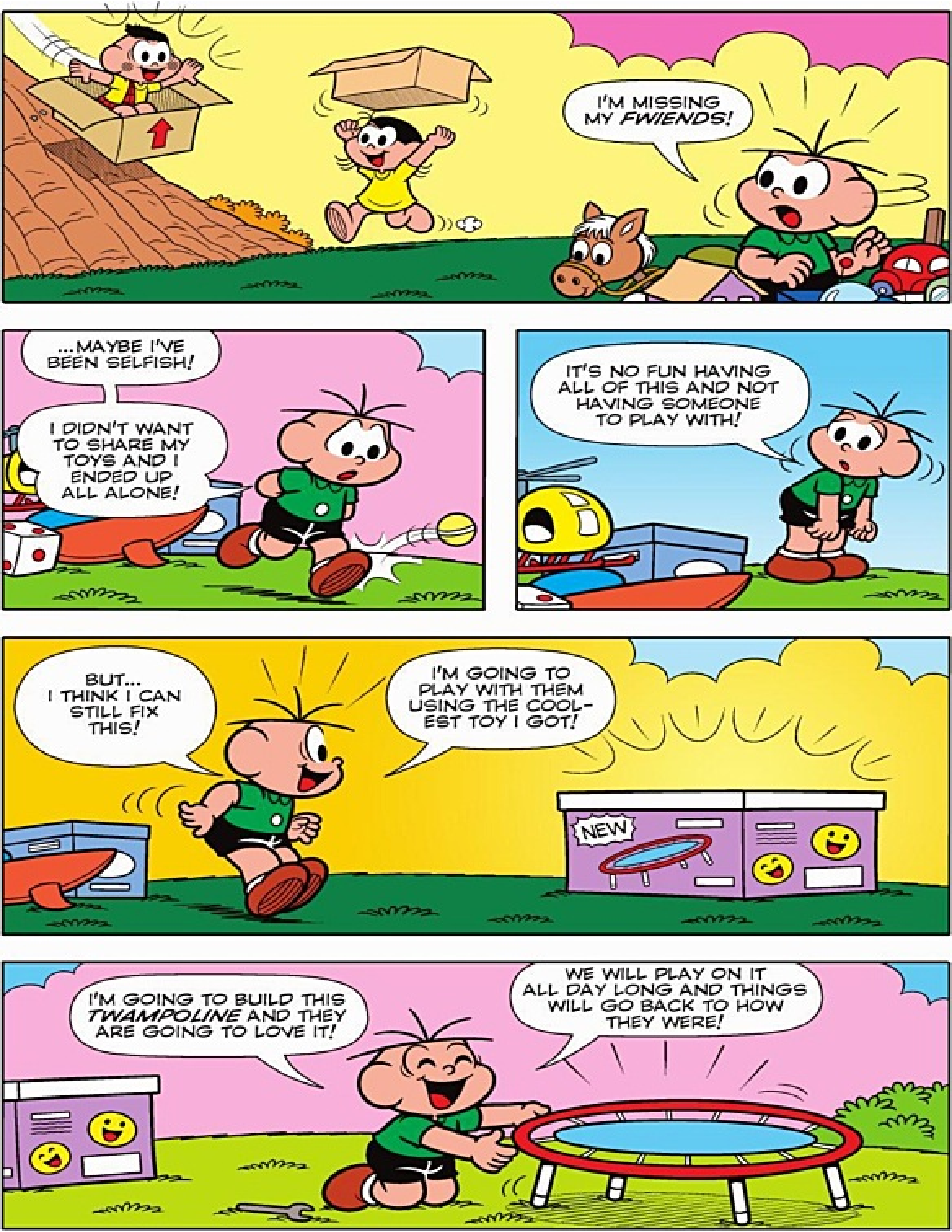

THIS WAS YOUR IDEA FOR A TOY?
C'MON, SMUDGE!
YOU JUST LOST TOTAL CREDIBILITY!
GEEZ, GIRLS!
THIS CAN BE A LOT OF FUN!
JUST USE YOUR IMAGINATION!
I CAN'T JUST "IMAGINE" THE BARBIELLA'S NEW WARDROBE!
I ASKED FOR A COMPLETE KITCHEN!
JUST TAKE IT FROM ME!
WE JUST NEED A LITTLE CREATIVITY...
...TO TRANSFORM THIS INTO A VERY FUN TOY!


OKAY... I THINK MAY-BE MY CREATIVITY MIGHT BE A LITTLE TOO WEAK FOR ALL OF THIS...
...I FEEL LIKE I'M STILL INSIDE A CARDBOARD BOX!
THIS ONE HAD POWDERED SOAP IN IT!
I KNOW IT'S JUST A CARDBOARD BOX!
BUUUT... IF WE TAKE IT TO THE EDGE OF THIS HILL...
...IT BECOMES A SLED!
THAT... LOOKS KIND OF FUN!
I'M GOING TO TRY IT!

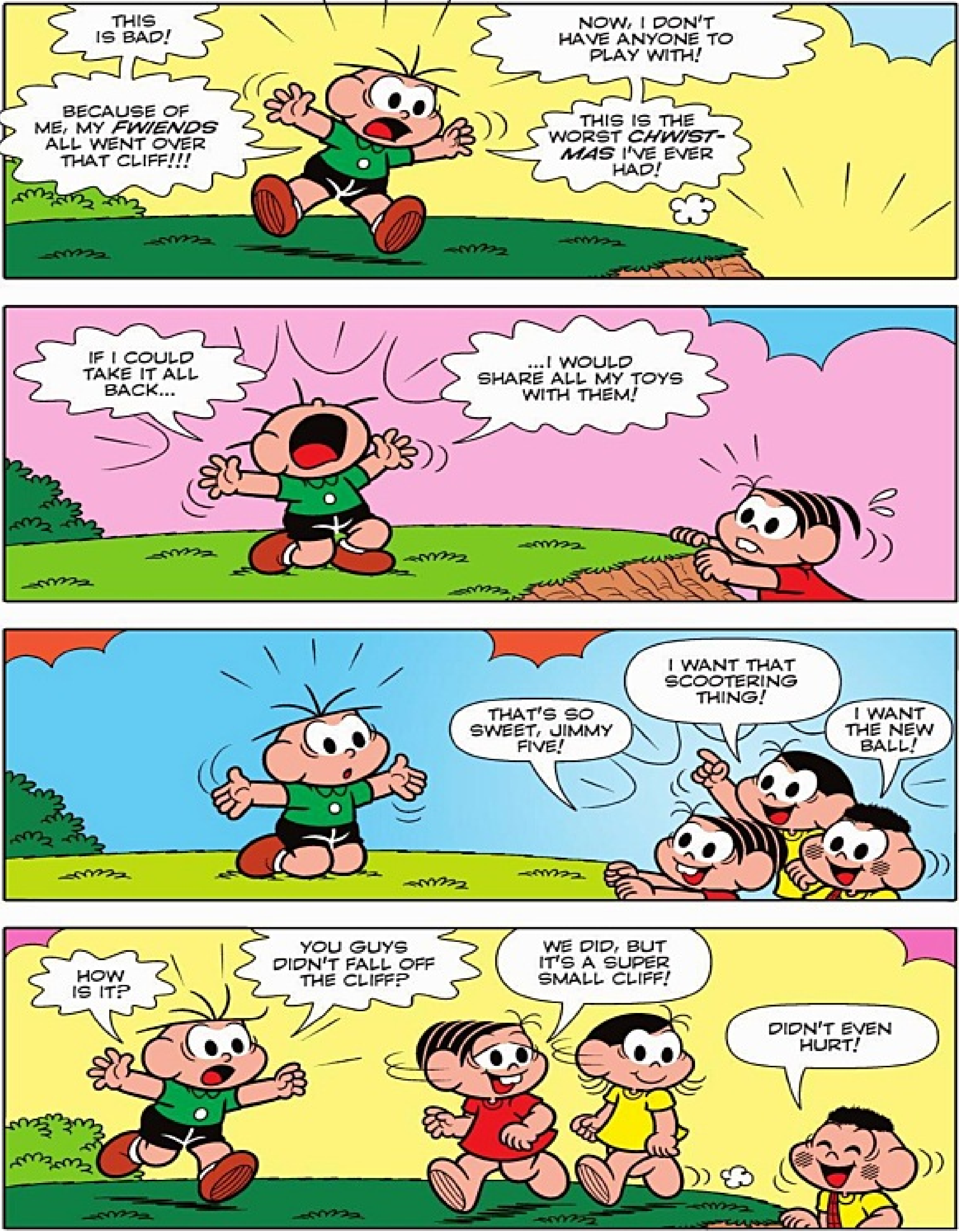
WOO-HOO!!!
I'M GOING TO WIN!
YOU'RE RIGHT, SMUDGE!
THIS IS A LOT OF FUN!
TOLD YOU!
THIS SCOO-TEWIN' THING IS GWEAT!
WHY DID I NEVER THINK TO ASK FOR THIS?


...OR ANY OF THOSE OTHER *GWEAT* GIFTS THAT I GOT...
YAAAAYY!!!
HUH?! WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
HA! HA! HA! HA!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
WE'RE PLAYING SLED-RACING!


WANT TO PLAY WITH US?
BE *SEWIOUS!*
WHY WOULD I PLAY WITH A CARDBOARD BOX...
...WHEN I HAVE THIS SUPER AWE-SOME *SCOO-TEWING* THING?
SOME PEOPLE DON'T KNOW HOW TO HAVE *WEAL* FUN!
ME... I KNOW HOW TO PLAY JUST *WIGHT!*
I CAN PLAY SOCCER...
I CAN SKATE...
...I CAN FLY THIS HELICOPTER...
...I HAVE *EVEWYTHING!*
I... I...
SOMETHING IS STILL MISSING, THOUGH!


I'M MISSING MY *FWIENDS*!
...MAYBE I'VE BEEN SELFISH!
I DIDN'T WANT TO SHARE MY TOYS AND I ENDED UP ALL ALONE!
IT'S NO FUN HAVING ALL OF THIS AND NOT HAVING SOMEONE TO PLAY WITH!
BUT... I THINK I CAN STILL FIX THIS!
I'M GOING TO PLAY WITH THEM USING THE COOL- EST TOY I GOT!
NEW
I'M GOING TO BUILD THIS *TWAMPOLINE* AND THEY ARE GOING TO LOVE IT!
WE WILL PLAY ON IT ALL DAY LONG AND THINGS WILL GO BACK TO HOW THEY WERE!

WHAT'S THAT DOWN THERE?
TAA-DAA!!!
BONG
OKAY... MAYBE IT WAS NOT SUCH A GOOD IDEA!
AAAAAHHH!!!

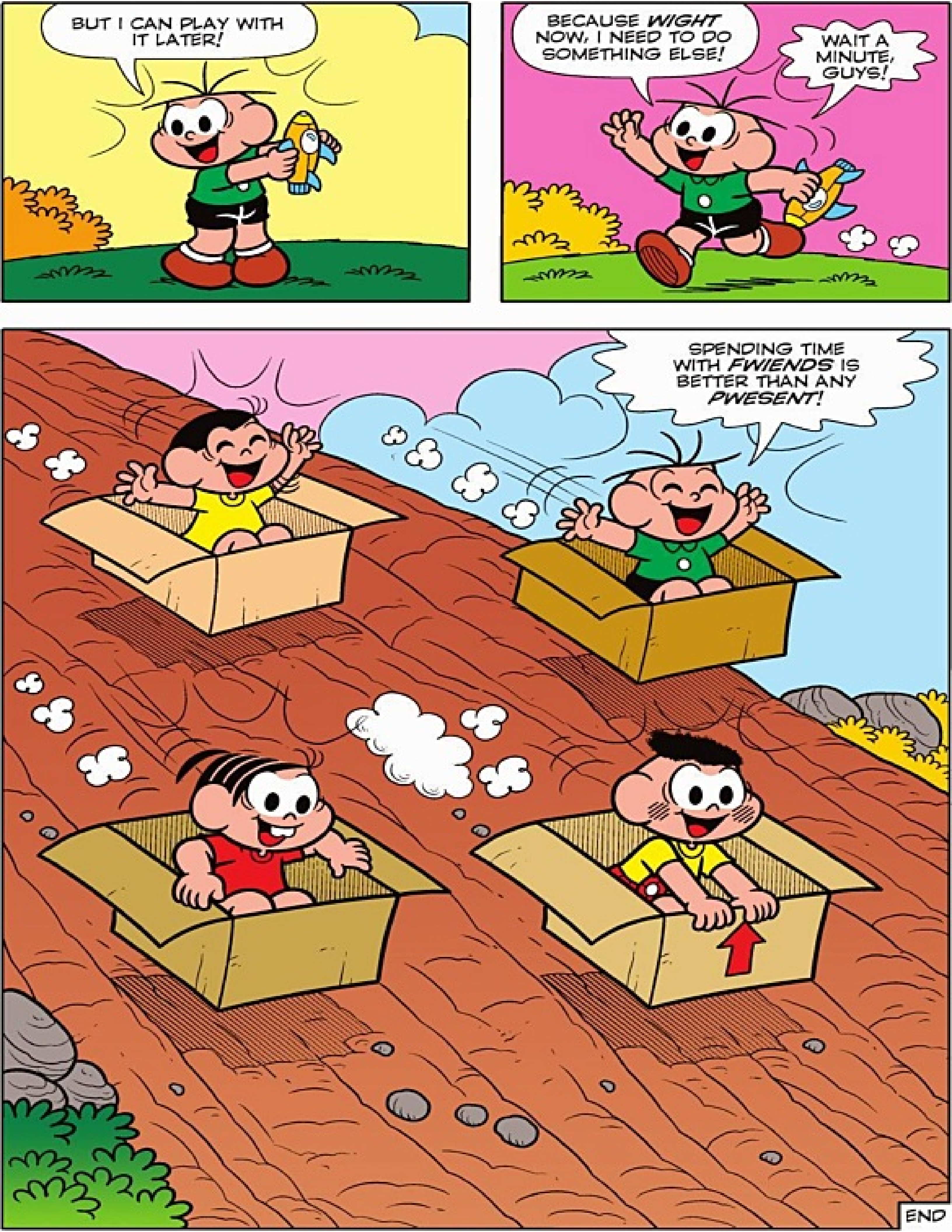

THIS IS BAD!
BECAUSE OF ME, MY *FWIENDS* ALL WENT OVER THAT CLIFF!!!
NOW, I DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO PLAY WITH!
THIS IS THE WORST *CHWIST-MAS* I'VE EVER HAD!
IF I COULD TAKE IT ALL BACK...
...I WOULD SHARE ALL MY TOYS WITH THEM!
THAT'S SO SWEET, JIMMY FIVE!
I WANT THAT SCOOTERING THING!
I WANT THE NEW BALL!
HOW IS IT?
YOU GUYS DIDN'T FALL OFF THE CLIFF?
WE DID, BUT IT'S A SUPER SMALL CLIFF!
DIDN'T EVEN HURT!

I'M JUST GLAD TO HEAR YOU DECIDED TO SHARE YOUR TOYS...
...WITH EVERYONE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!
WELL...

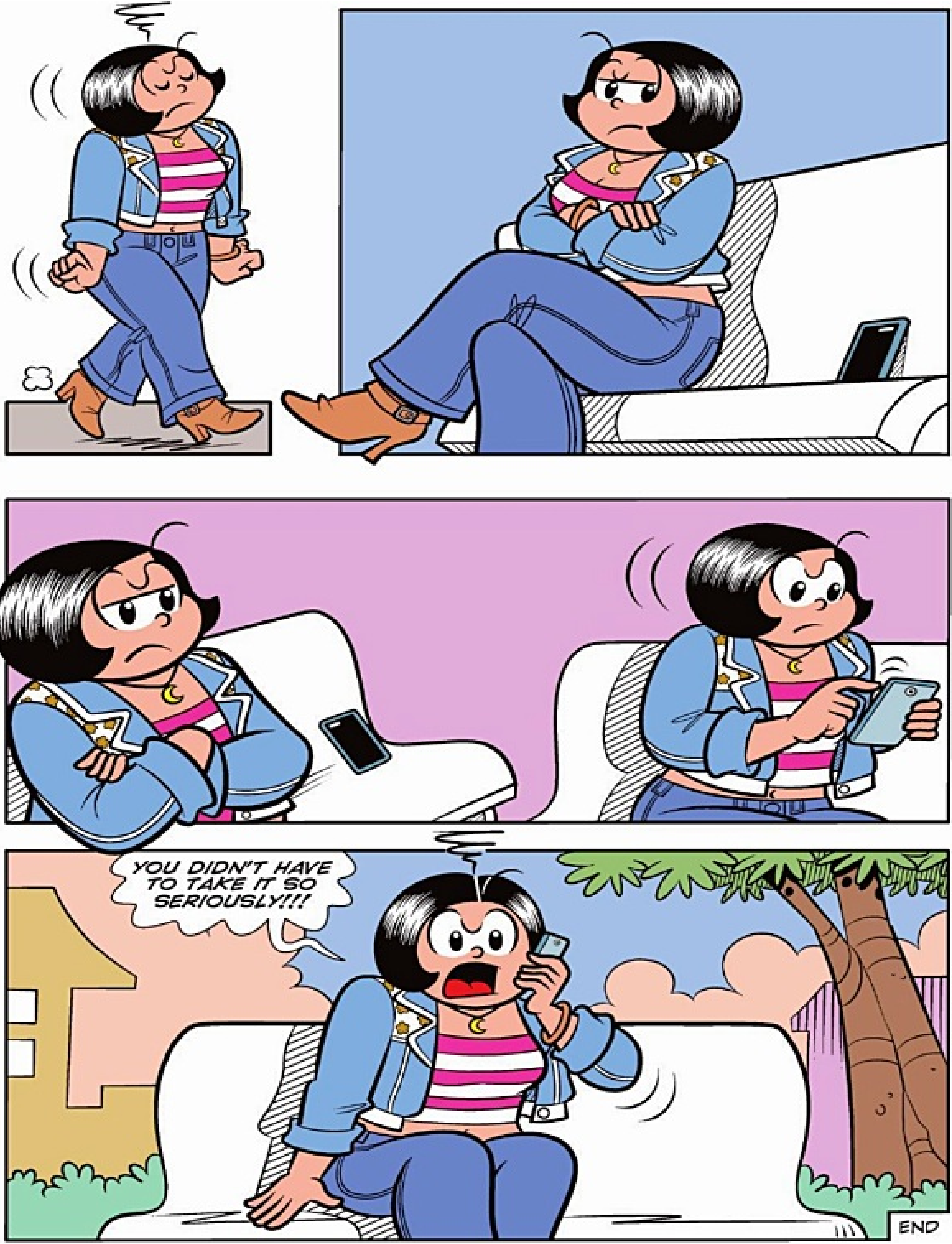
THERE WE GO...
I DON'T THINK ANYTHING IS MISSING!
WHO ARE THOSE TWO?!

THERE WAS A SMALL MISTAKE WITH THE CHRISTMAS LIST...
...ALL OF THE PRESENTS FOR THIS STREET WAS GIVEN TO A SINGLE HOUSE!
WE ARE VERY SORRY!
IT HAPPENS, ALL RIGHT?
WE ARE HERE TO FIX THE SITUATION!
WHAT?!
YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE ALL MY TOYS?!
WELL... I MEAN... I WAS GOING TO GIVE THEM AWAY, SO...
...HELP ME, GUYS!

LATER...
I THINK NOW EVERY-THING IS IN ORDER!
WE FOUND THE OWNERS OF EACH PRESENT!
WE'LL BE OFF NOW!
SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!
I GOT THE DOLL I ASKED FOR!
I GOT THAT NEW SOCCER BALL!
EVERYTHING IS GREAT NOW!
I JUST GOT THIS TOY *WOCKET!*
BUT I'M GOING TO LOVE PLAYING WITH IT!


BUT I CAN PLAY WITH IT LATER!
BECAUSE *WIGHT* NOW, I NEED TO DO SOMETHING ELSE!
WAIT A MINUTE, GUYS!
SPENDING TIME WITH *FWIENDS* IS BETTER THAN ANY *PWESENT*!
END

DON'T CALL PUFF ANYMORE!


YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO TAKE IT SO SERIOUSLY!!!
END

NICK NOPE in
CLOTHES
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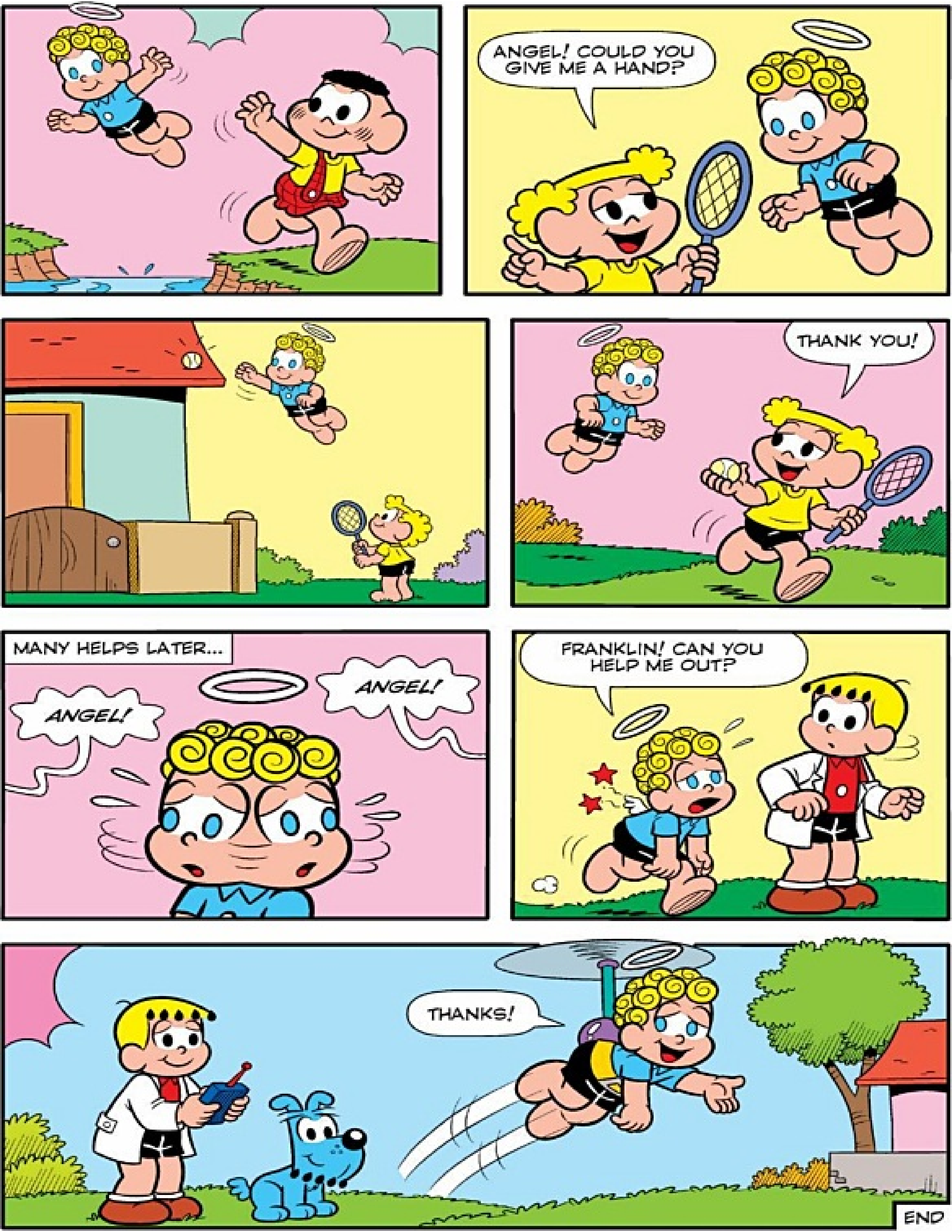
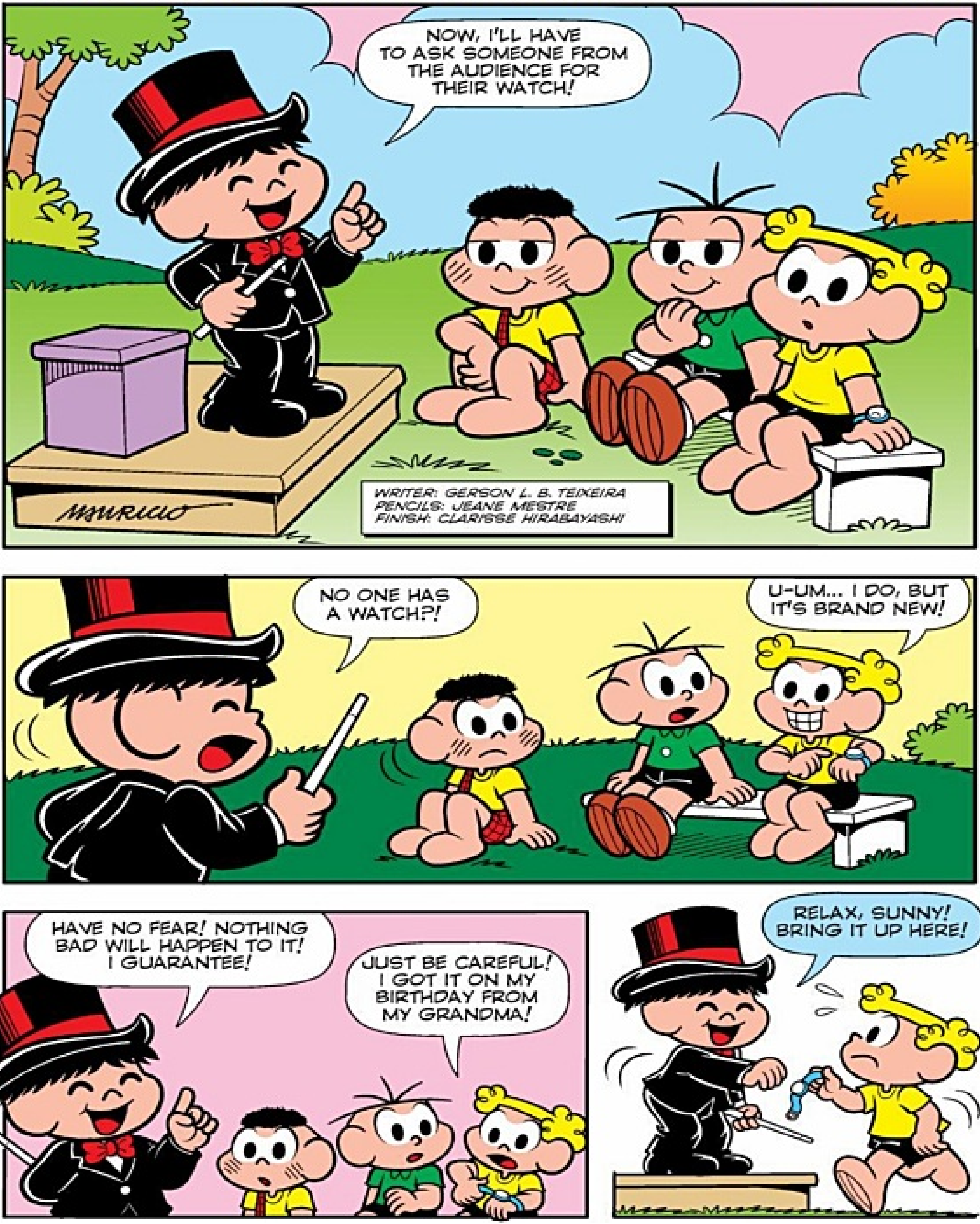
END

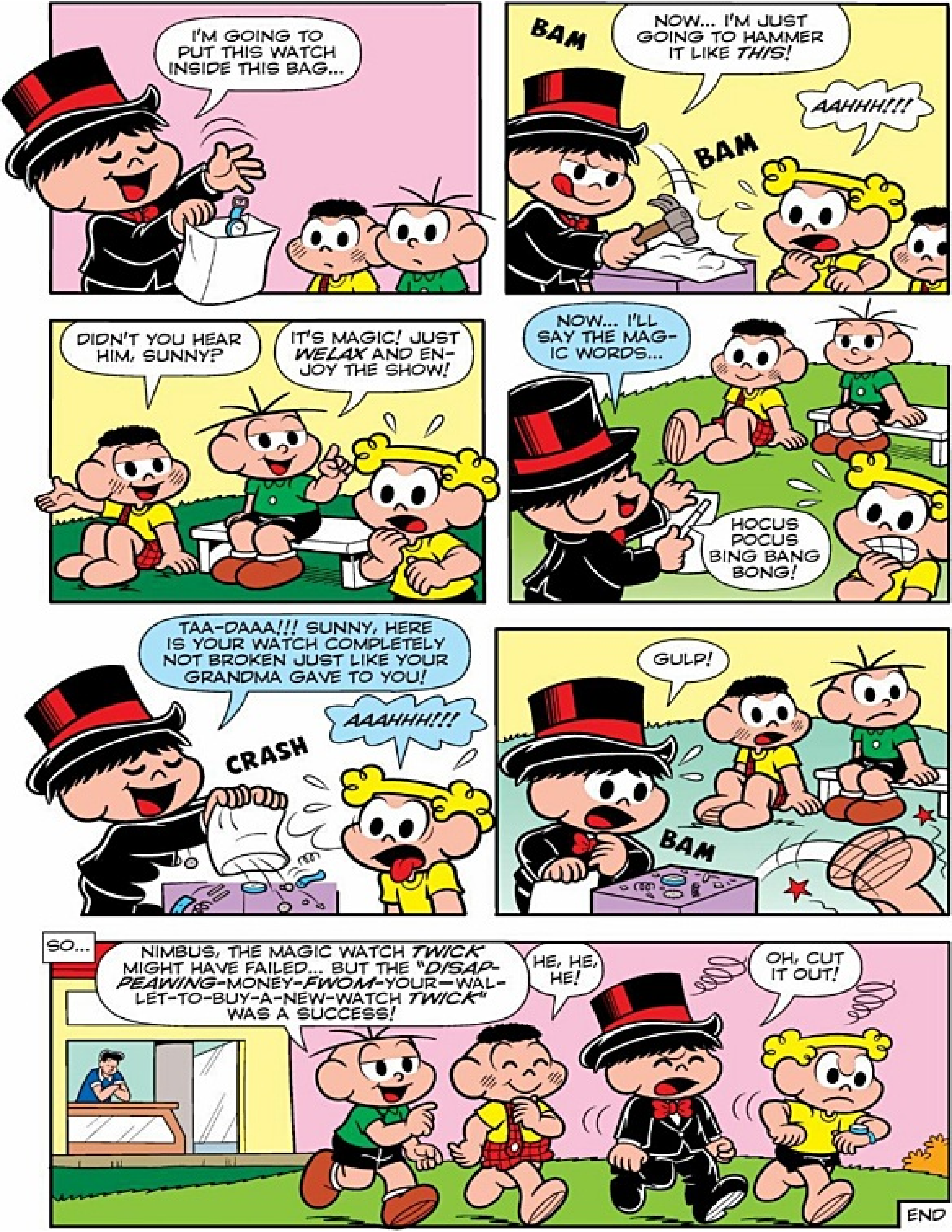
ANGEL in: A LITTLE HELP


ANGEL! COULD YOU GIVE ME A HAND?
THANK YOU!
MANY HELPS LATER...
ANGEL!
ANGEL!
FRANKLIN! CAN YOU HELP ME OUT?
THANKS!
END

NIMBUS in:

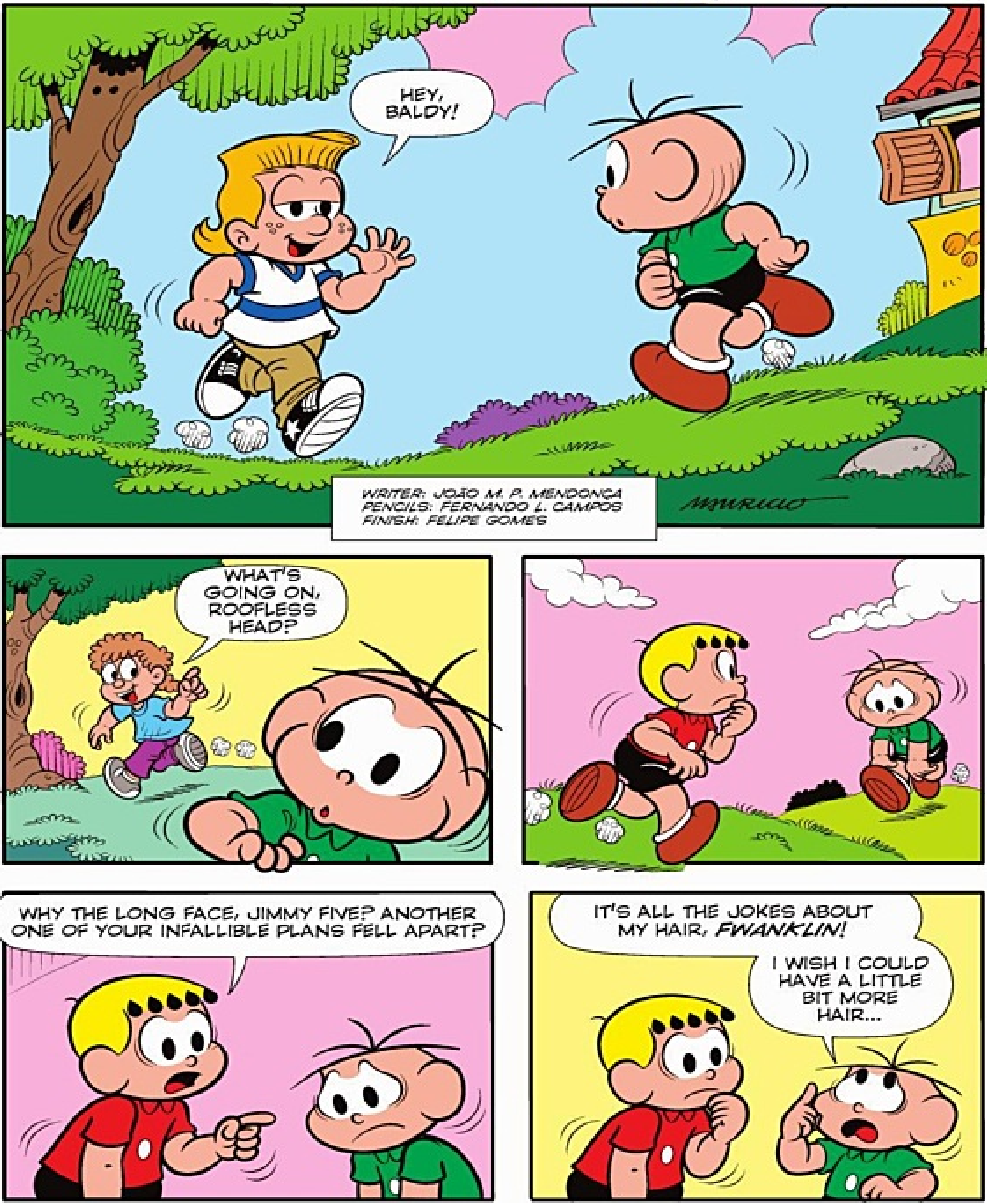
THE MAGIC WATCH TRICK

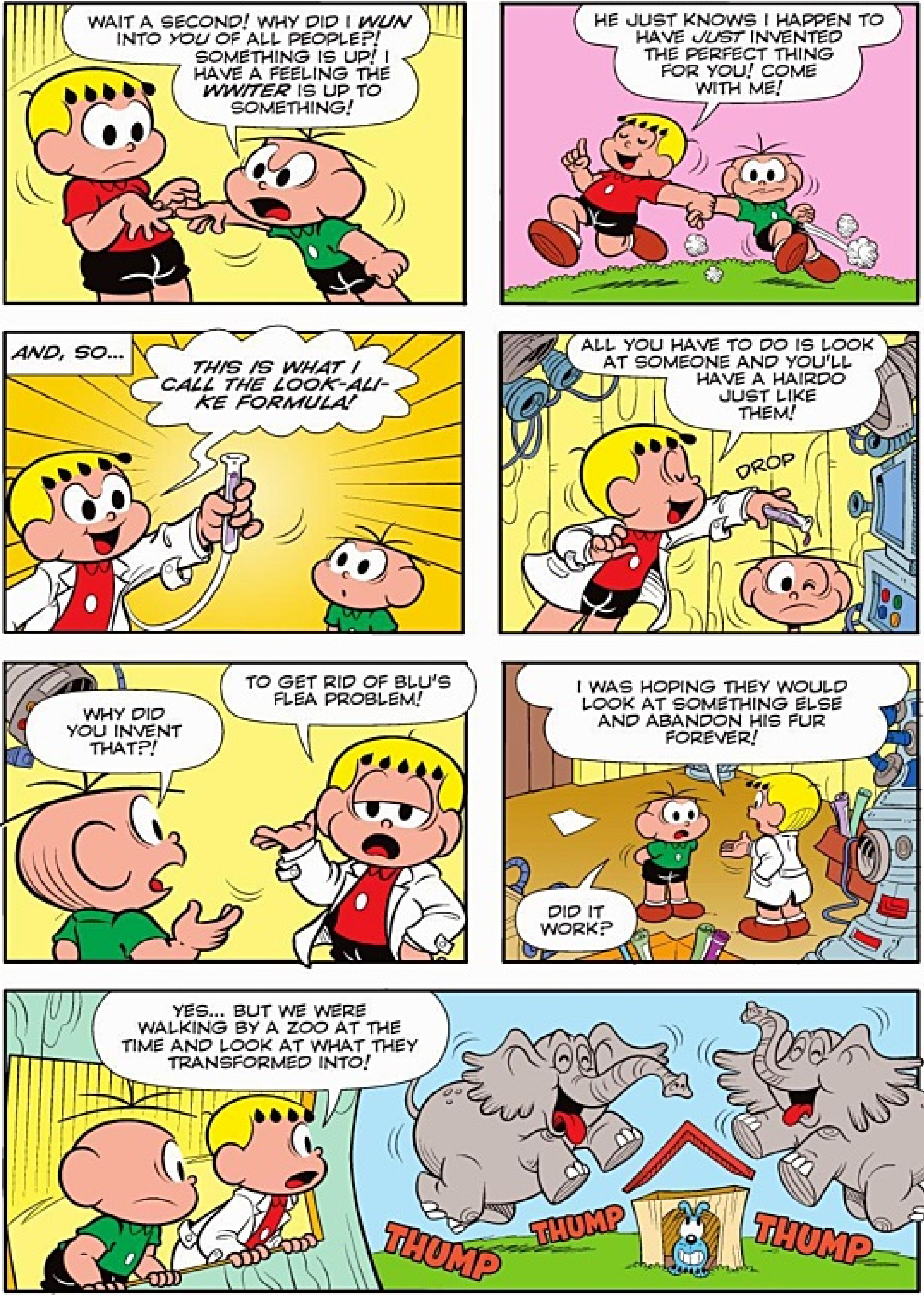


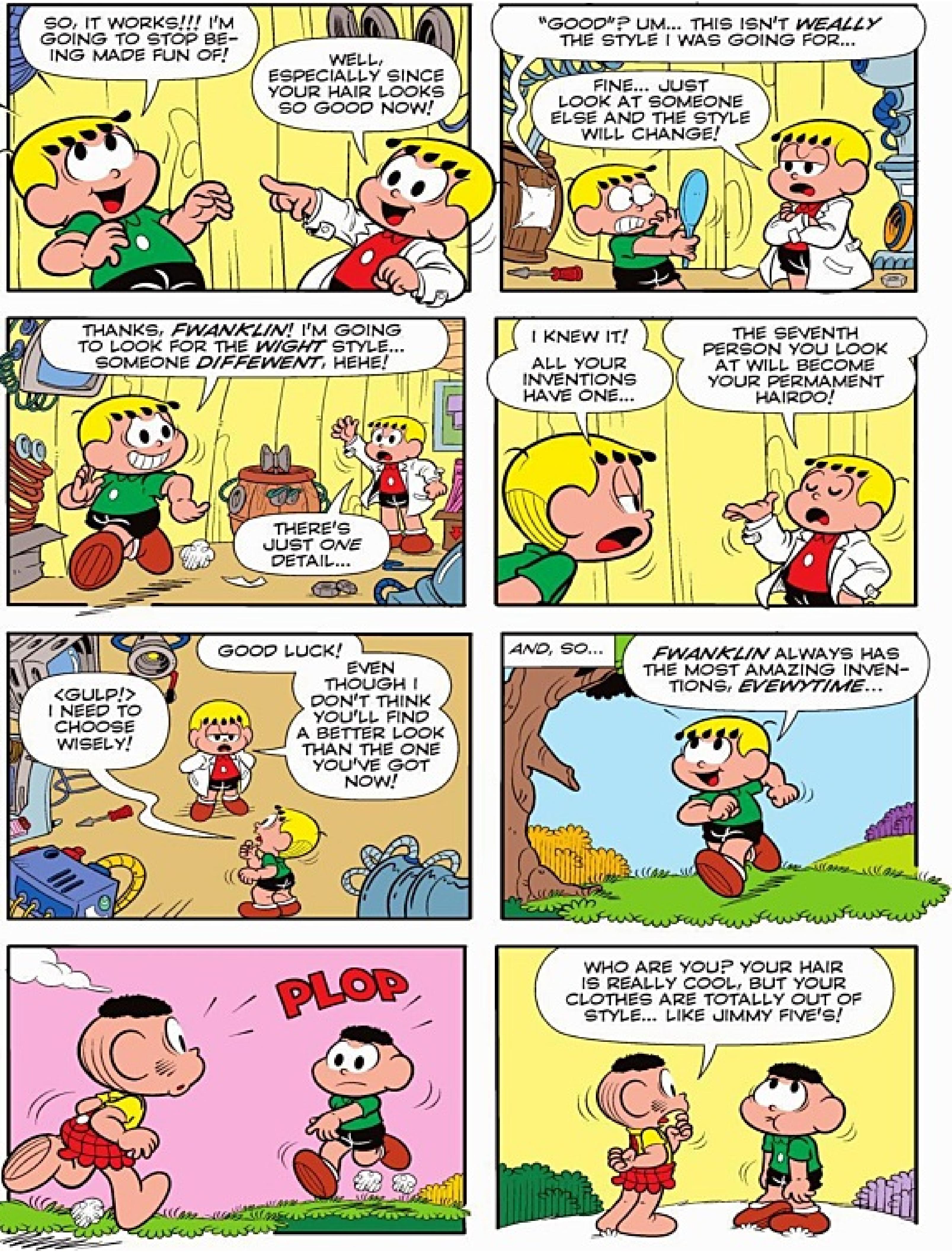

I'M GOING TO PUT THIS WATCH INSIDE THIS BAG...
BAM
NOW... I'M JUST GOING TO HAMMER IT LIKE *THIS!*
AAHHH!!!
BAM
DIDN'T YOU HEAR HIM, SUNNY?
IT'S MAGIC! JUST *WELAX* AND ENJOY THE SHOW!
NOW... I'LL SAY THE MAGIC WORDS...
HOCUS POCUS BING BANG BONG!
TAA-DAAA!!! SUNNY, HERE IS YOUR WATCH COMPLETELY NOT BROKEN JUST LIKE YOUR GRANDMA GAVE TO YOU!
AAAHHH!!!
CRASH
GULP!
BAM
SO...
NIMBUS, THE MAGIC WATCH *TWICK* MIGHT HAVE FAILED... BUT THE "*DISAPPEAWING*-MONEY-*FWOM*-YOUR-WALLET-TO-BUY-A-NEW-WATCH *TWICK*" WAS A SUCCESS!
HE, HE, HE!
OH, CUT IT OUT!
END

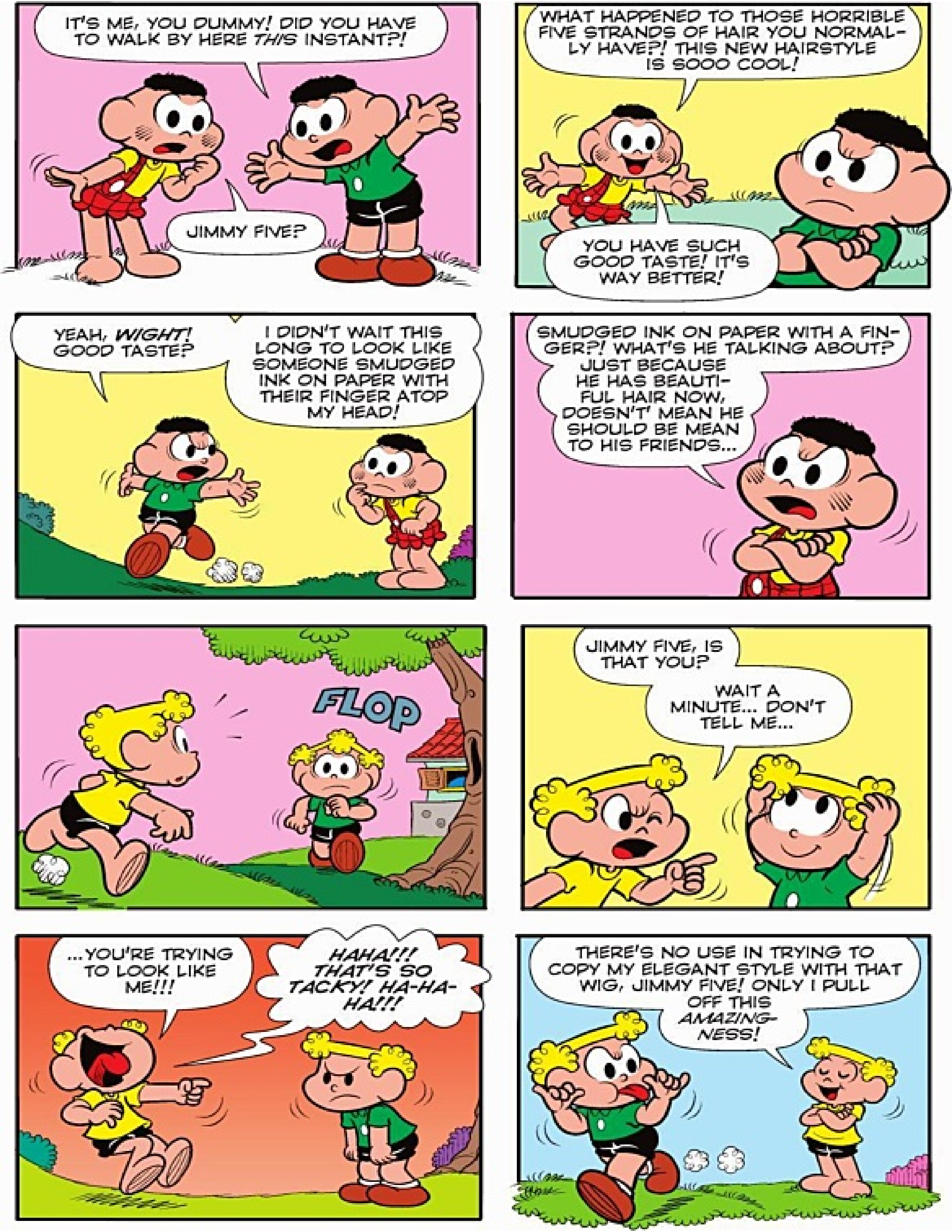
Jimmy Five in

A NEW HAIRDO FOR JIMMY FIVE



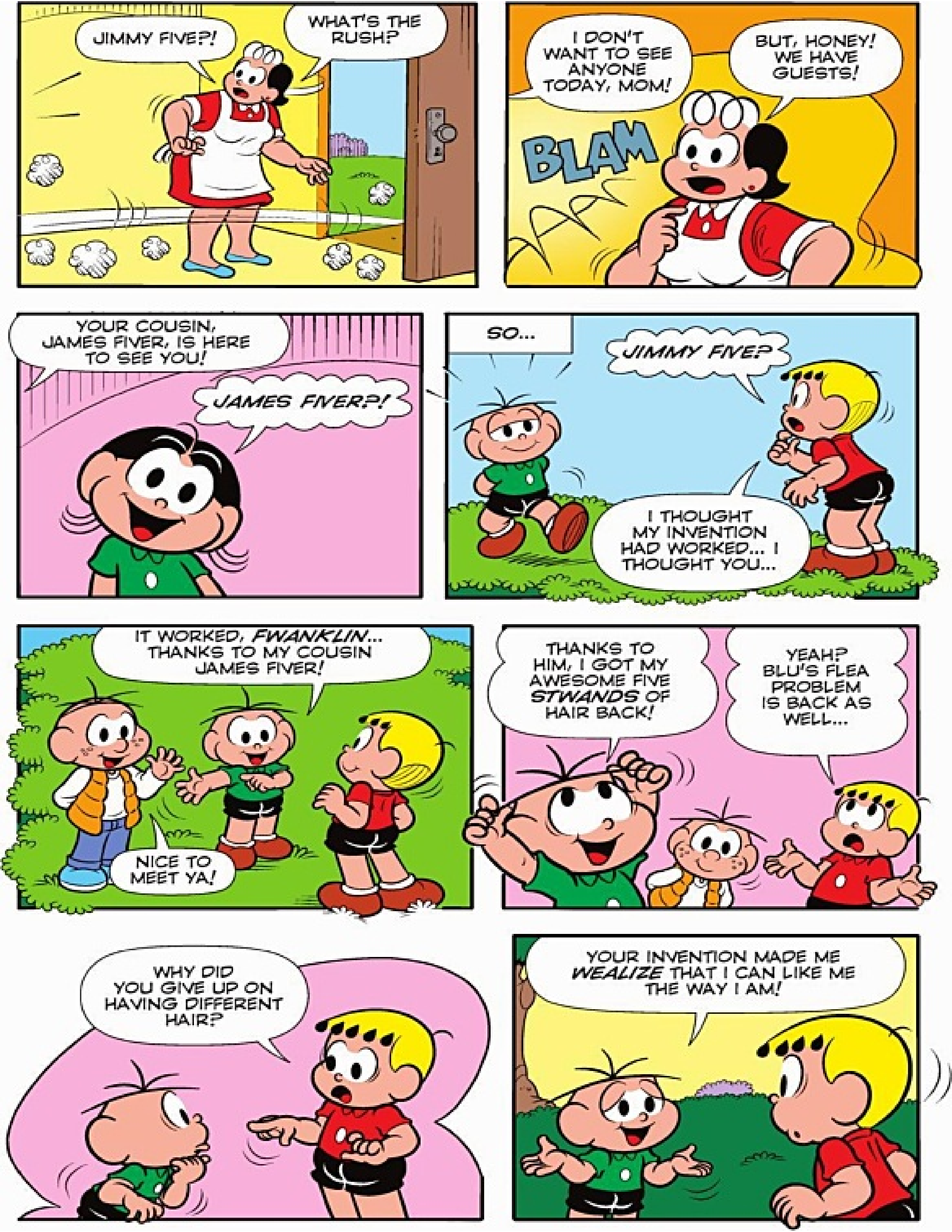

WAIT A SECOND! WHY DID I WUN INTO YOU OF ALL PEOPLE?!
SOMETHING IS UP! I HAVE A FEELING THE WWITER IS UP TO SOMETHING!
HE JUST KNOWS I HAPPEN TO HAVE JUST INVENTED THE PERFECT THING FOR YOU! COME WITH ME!
AND, SO...
THIS IS WHAT I CALL THE LOOK-ALI-KE FORMULA!
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LOOK AT SOMEONE AND YOU'LL HAVE A HAIRDO JUST LIKE THEM!
DROP
WHY DID YOU INVENT THAT?!
TO GET RID OF BLU'S FLEA PROBLEM!
I WAS HOPING THEY WOULD LOOK AT SOMETHING ELSE AND ABANDON HIS FUR FOREVER!
DID IT WORK?
YES... BUT WE WERE WALKING BY A ZOO AT THE TIME AND LOOK AT WHAT THEY TRANSFORMED INTO!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

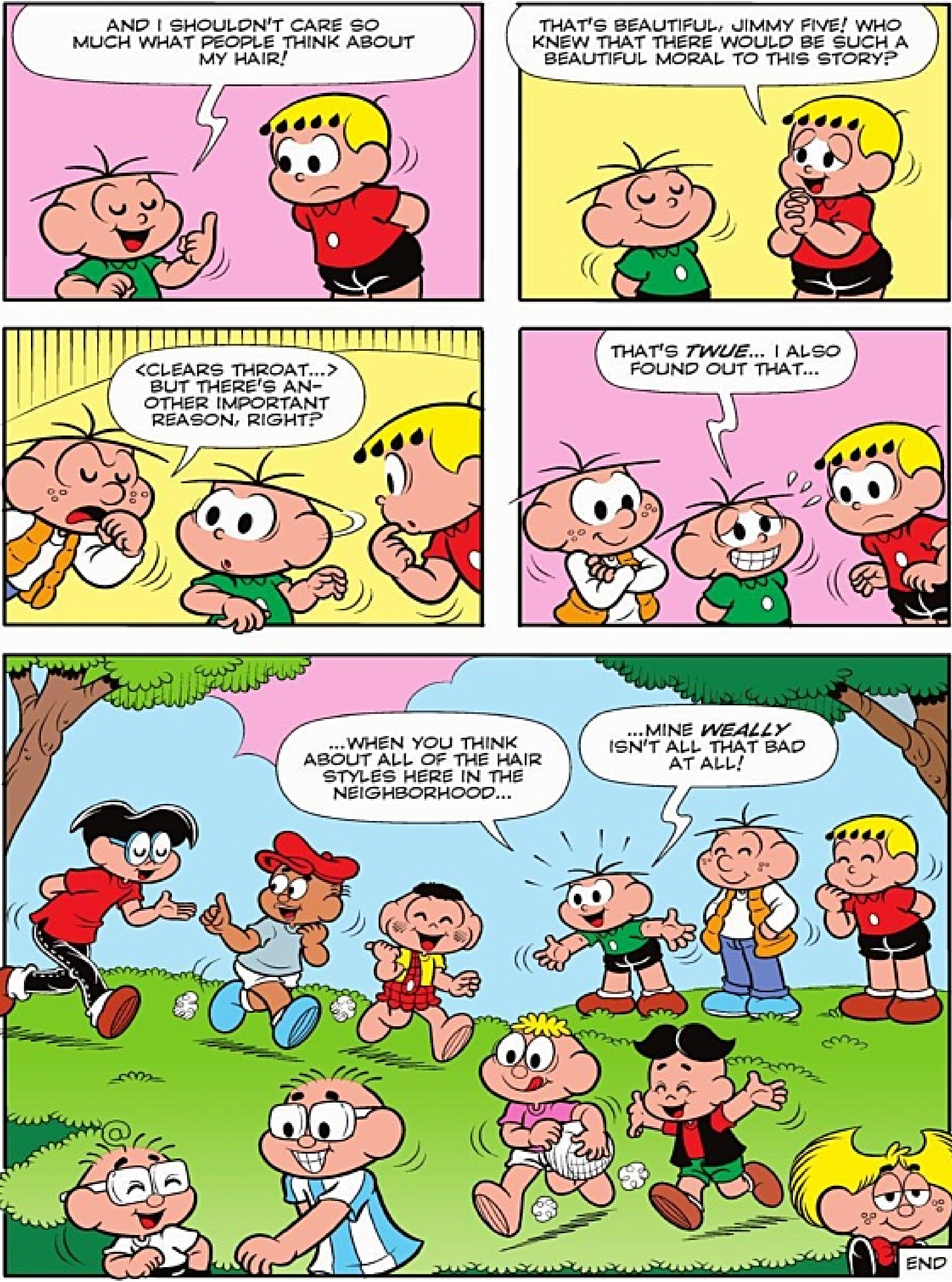

SO, IT WORKS!!! I'M GOING TO STOP BE-ING MADE FUN OF!
WELL, ESPECIALLY SINCE YOUR HAIR LOOKS SO GOOD NOW!
"GOOD"? UM... THIS ISN'T WEALLY THE STYLE I WAS GOING FOR...
FINE... JUST LOOK AT SOMEONE ELSE AND THE STYLE WILL CHANGE!
THANKS, FWANKLIN! I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR THE WIGHT STYLE... SOMEONE DIFFEWENT, HEHE!
THERE'S JUST ONE DETAIL...
I KNEW IT!
ALL YOUR INVENTIONS HAVE ONE...
THE SEVENTH PERSON YOU LOOK AT WILL BECOME YOUR PERMAMENT HAIRDO!
GOOD LUCK!
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T THINK YOU'LL FIND A BETTER LOOK THAN THE ONE YOU'VE GOT NOW!
<GULP!> I NEED TO CHOOSE WISELY!
AND, SO...
FWANKLIN ALWAYS HAS THE MOST AMAZING INVEN-TIONS, EVEWYTIME...
PLOP
WHO ARE YOU? YOUR HAIR IS REALLY COOL, BUT YOUR CLOTHES ARE TOTALLY OUT OF STYLE... LIKE JIMMY FIVE'S!



IT'S ME, YOU DUMMY! DID YOU HAVE TO WALK BY HERE THIS INSTANT?!
JIMMY FIVE?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE HORRIBLE FIVE STRANDS OF HAIR YOU NORMALLY HAVE?! THIS NEW HAIRSTYLE IS SOOO COOL!
YOU HAVE SUCH GOOD TASTE! IT'S WAY BETTER!
YEAH, WIGHT! GOOD TASTE?
I DIDN'T WAIT THIS LONG TO LOOK LIKE SOMEONE SMUDGED INK ON PAPER WITH THEIR FINGER ATOP MY HEAD!
SMUDGED INK ON PAPER WITH A FINGER?! WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT? JUST BECAUSE HE HAS BEAUTIFUL HAIR NOW, DOESN'T' MEAN HE SHOULD BE MEAN TO HIS FRIENDS...
FLOP
JIMMY FIVE, IS THAT YOU?
WAIT A MINUTE... DON'T TELL ME...
...YOU'RE TRYING TO LOOK LIKE ME!!!
HAHA!!! THAT'S SO TACKY! HA-HA-HA!!!
THERE'S NO USE IN TRYING TO COPY MY ELEGANT STYLE WITH THAT WIG, JIMMY FIVE! ONLY I PULL OFF THIS AMAZINGNESS!

PLOP
IT LOOKS LIKE THE BUCKTOOTHED ONE!
AAAHHHHHH!!!
SURE LOOKS A LOT BETTER THAN THE FIVE STRANDS OF HAIR THAT YOU HAD BEFORE!
...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL YOU...
AAHHH!!! HELP!!!
?
FWANKLIN, SMUDGE, SUNNY, NICK NOPE, MONICA AND MAGGY...
I'VE SEEN SIX PEOPLE!
THAT MEANS THAT THE NEXT PERSON I SEE...
...IS GOING TO BE MY HAIR DEFINI-TIVELY!
THIS INVENTION OF FWANKLIN'S IS WAY TOO DANGEWOUS...
I BETTER GET HOME WEALLY FAST!


JIMMY FIVE?!
WHAT'S THE RUSH?
I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYONE TODAY, MOM!
BUT, HONEY! WE HAVE GUESTS!
BLAM
YOUR COUSIN, JAMES FIVER, IS HERE TO SEE YOU!
JAMES FIVER?!
SO...
JIMMY FIVE?
I THOUGHT MY INVENTION HAD WORKED... I THOUGHT YOU...
IT WORKED, FWANKLIN... THANKS TO MY COUSIN JAMES FIVER!
NICE TO MEET YA!
THANKS TO HIM, I GOT MY AWESOME FIVE STWANDS OF HAIR BACK!
YEAH? BLU'S FLEA PROBLEM IS BACK AS WELL...
WHY DID YOU GIVE UP ON HAVING DIFFERENT HAIR?
YOUR INVENTION MADE ME WEALIZE THAT I CAN LIKE ME THE WAY I AM!


AND I SHOULDN'T CARE SO MUCH WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT MY HAIR!
THAT'S BEAUTIFUL, JIMMY FIVE! WHO KNEW THAT THERE WOULD BE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL MORAL TO THIS STORY?
<CLEARS THROAT...> BUT THERE'S AN-OTHER IMPORTANT REASON, RIGHT?
THAT'S *TWUE*... I ALSO FOUND OUT THAT...
...WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT ALL OF THE HAIR STYLES HERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD...
...MINE *WEALLY* ISN'T ALL THAT BAD AT ALL!
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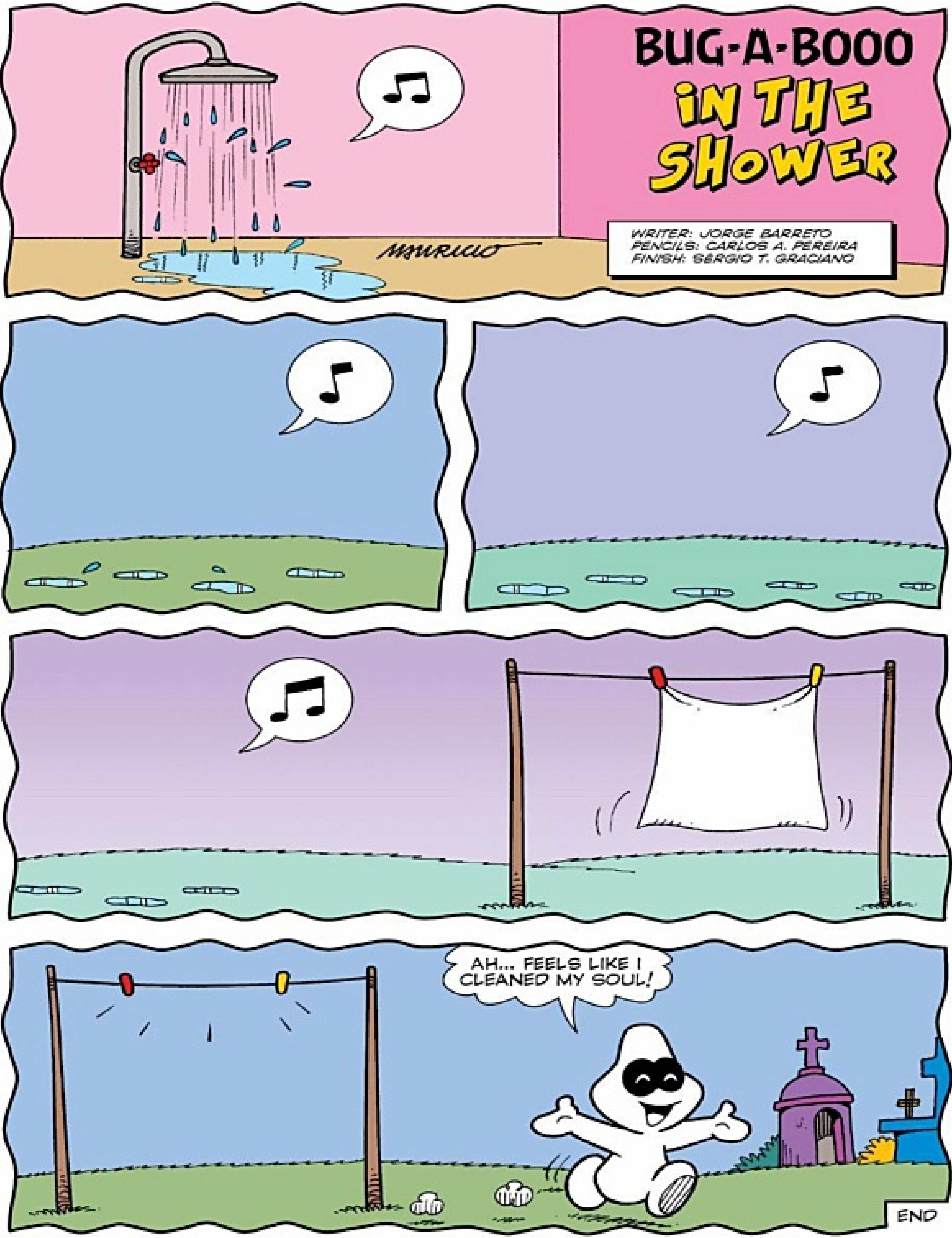
BUG-A-BOOO
IN THE SHOWER
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AH... FEELS LIKE I CLEANED MY SOUL!
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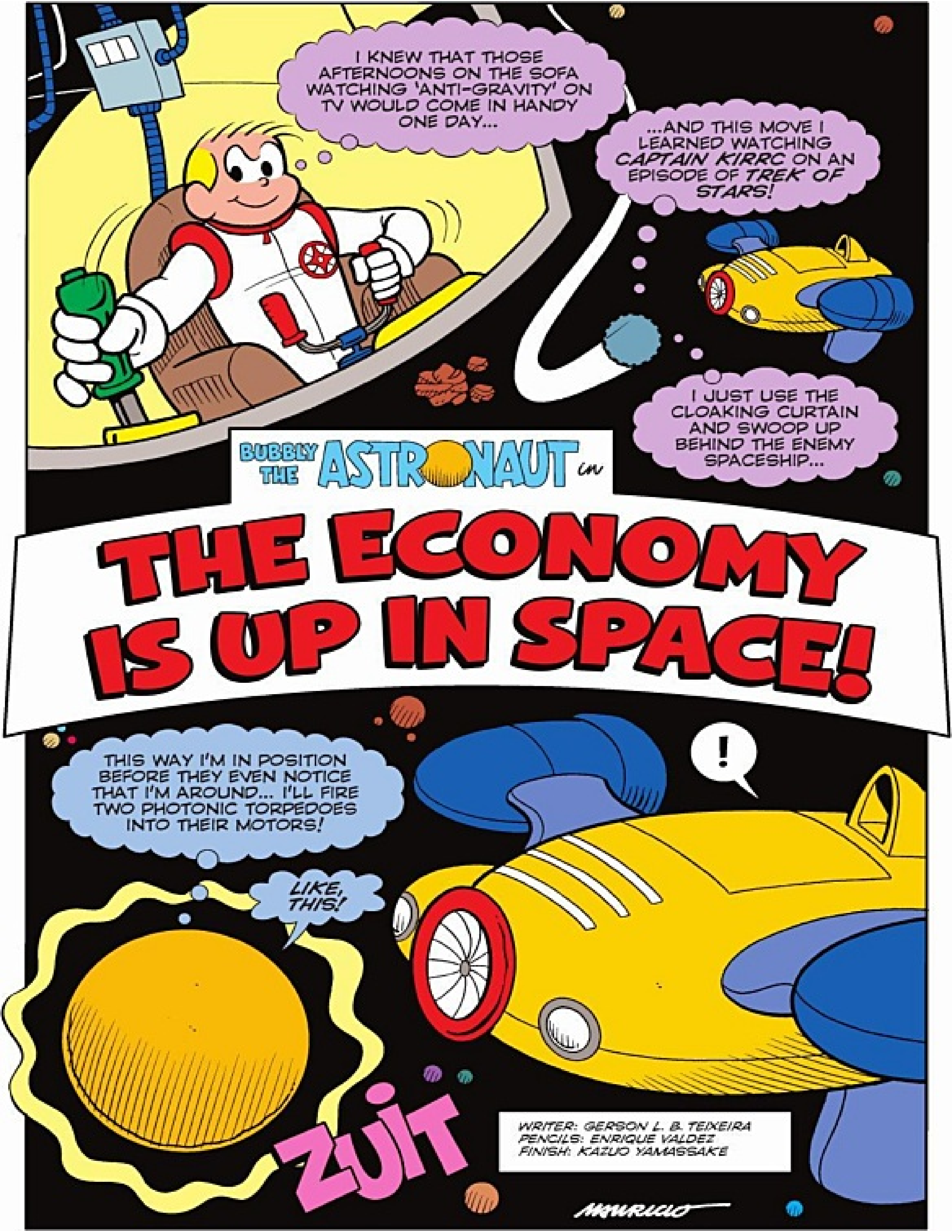
I KNEW THAT THOSE AFTERNOONS ON THE SOFA WATCHING 'ANTI-GRAVITY' ON TV WOULD COME IN HANDY ONE DAY...
...AND THIS MOVE I LEARNED WATCHING *CAPTAIN KIRRC* ON AN EPISODE OF *TREK OF STARS!*
I JUST USE THE CLOAKING CURTAIN AND SWOOP UP BEHIND THE ENEMY SPACESHIP...
BUBBLY THE ASTRONAUT in
THE ECONOMY IS UP IN SPACE!
THIS WAY I'M IN POSITION BEFORE THEY EVEN NOTICE THAT I'M AROUND... I'LL FIRE TWO PHOTONIC TORPEDOES INTO THEIR MOTORS!
!
LIKE, THIS!
ZUIT
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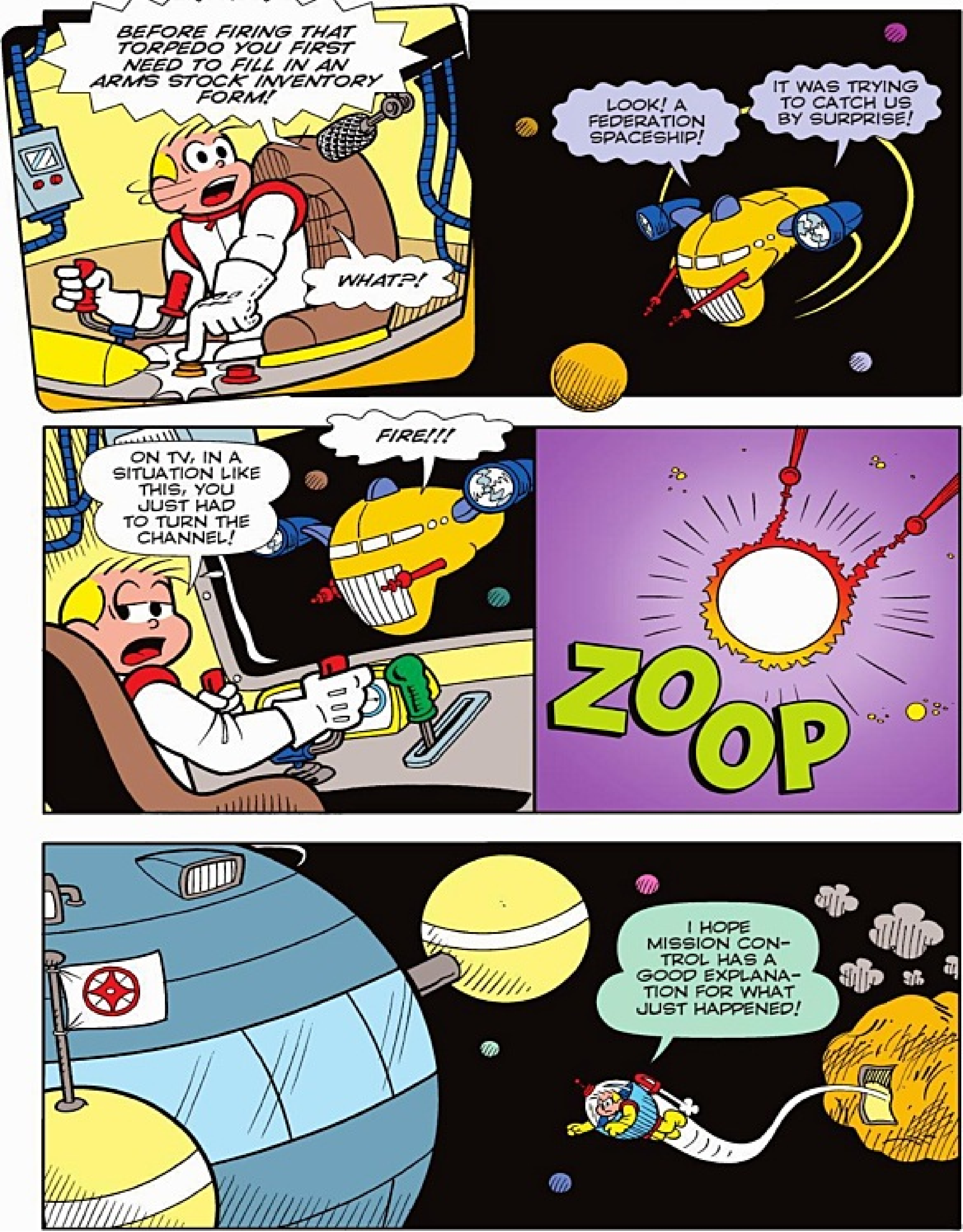
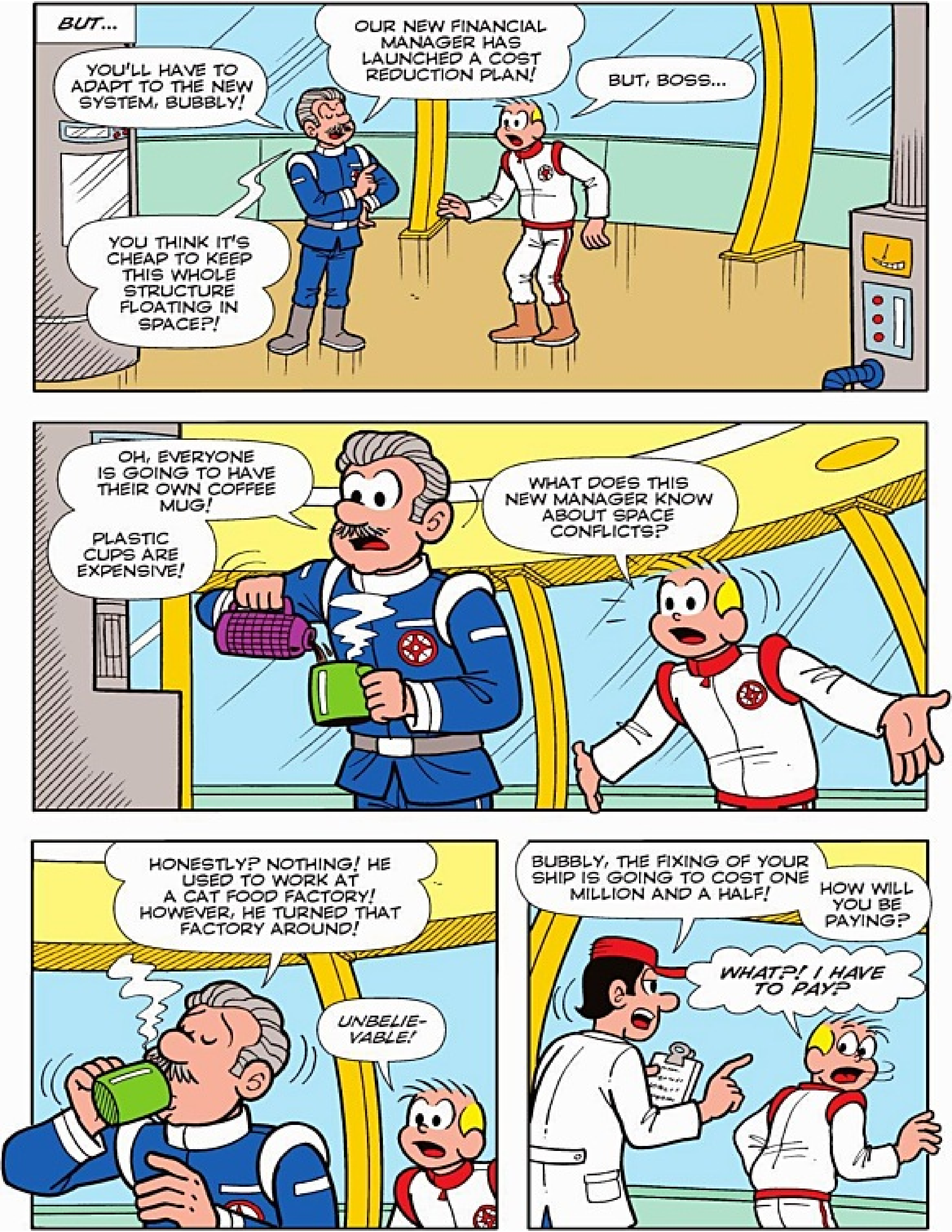
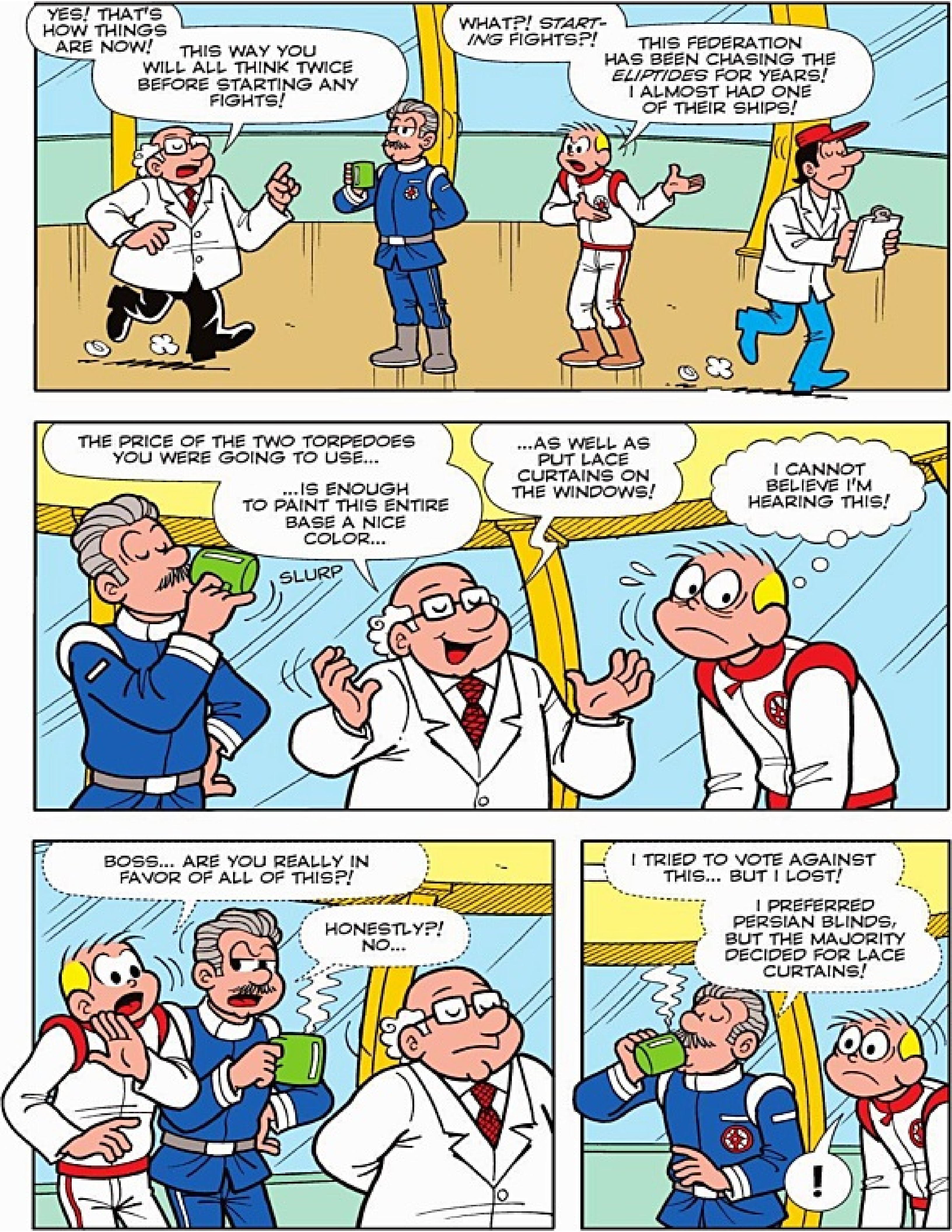

BEFORE FIRING THAT TORPEDO YOU FIRST NEED TO FILL IN AN ARMS STOCK INVENTORY FORM!
WHAT?!
LOOK! A FEDERATION SPACESHIP!
IT WAS TRYING TO CATCH US BY SURPRISE!
ON TV, IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, YOU JUST HAD TO TURN THE CHANNEL!
FIRE!!!
ZOOP
I HOPE MISSION CON-TROL HAS A GOOD EXPLANA-TION FOR WHAT JUST HAPPENED!


BUT...
YOU'LL HAVE TO ADAPT TO THE NEW SYSTEM, BUBBLY!
OUR NEW FINANCIAL MANAGER HAS LAUNCHED A COST REDUCTION PLAN!
BUT, BOSS...
YOU THINK IT'S CHEAP TO KEEP THIS WHOLE STRUCTURE FLOATING IN SPACE?!
OH, EVERYONE IS GOING TO HAVE THEIR OWN COFFEE MUG!
PLASTIC CUPS ARE EXPENSIVE!
WHAT DOES THIS NEW MANAGER KNOW ABOUT SPACE CONFLICTS?
HONESTLY? NOTHING! HE USED TO WORK AT A CAT FOOD FACTORY! HOWEVER, HE TURNED THAT FACTORY AROUND!
UNBELIE-VABLE!
BUBBLY, THE FIXING OF YOUR SHIP IS GOING TO COST ONE MILLION AND A HALF!
HOW WILL YOU BE PAYING?
WHAT?! I HAVE TO PAY?


YES! THAT'S HOW THINGS ARE NOW!
THIS WAY YOU WILL ALL THINK TWICE BEFORE STARTING ANY FIGHTS!
WHAT?! STARTING FIGHTS?!
THIS FEDERATION HAS BEEN CHASING THE ELIPTIDES FOR YEARS! I ALMOST HAD ONE OF THEIR SHIPS!
THE PRICE OF THE TWO TORPEDOES YOU WERE GOING TO USE...
...IS ENOUGH TO PAINT THIS ENTIRE BASE A NICE COLOR...
SLURP
...AS WELL AS PUT LACE CURTAINS ON THE WINDOWS!
I CANNOT BELIEVE I'M HEARING THIS!
BOSS... ARE YOU REALLY IN FAVOR OF ALL OF THIS?!
HONESTLY?! NO...
I TRIED TO VOTE AGAINST THIS... BUT I LOST!
I PREFERRED PERSIAN BLINDS, BUT THE MAJORITY DECIDED FOR LACE CURTAINS!
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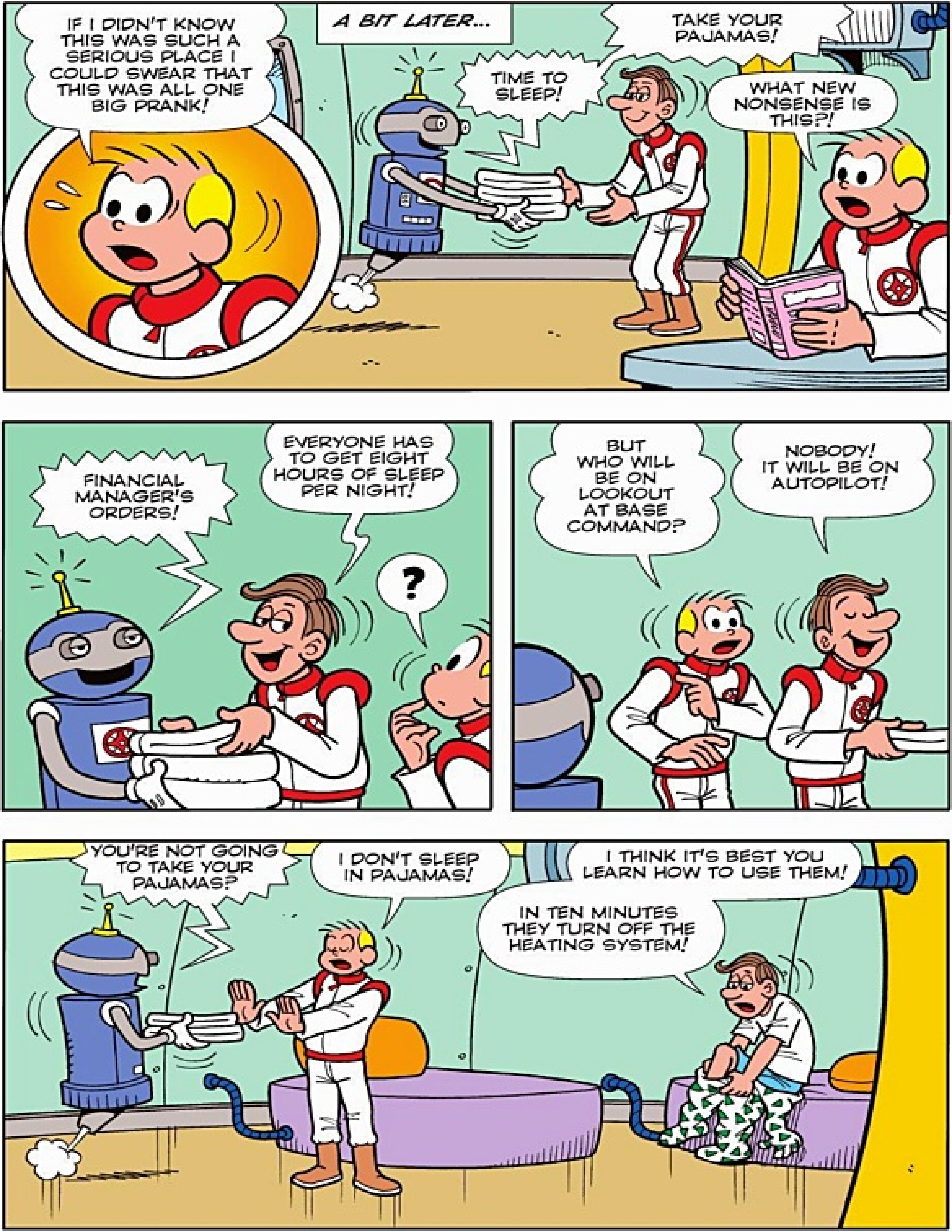
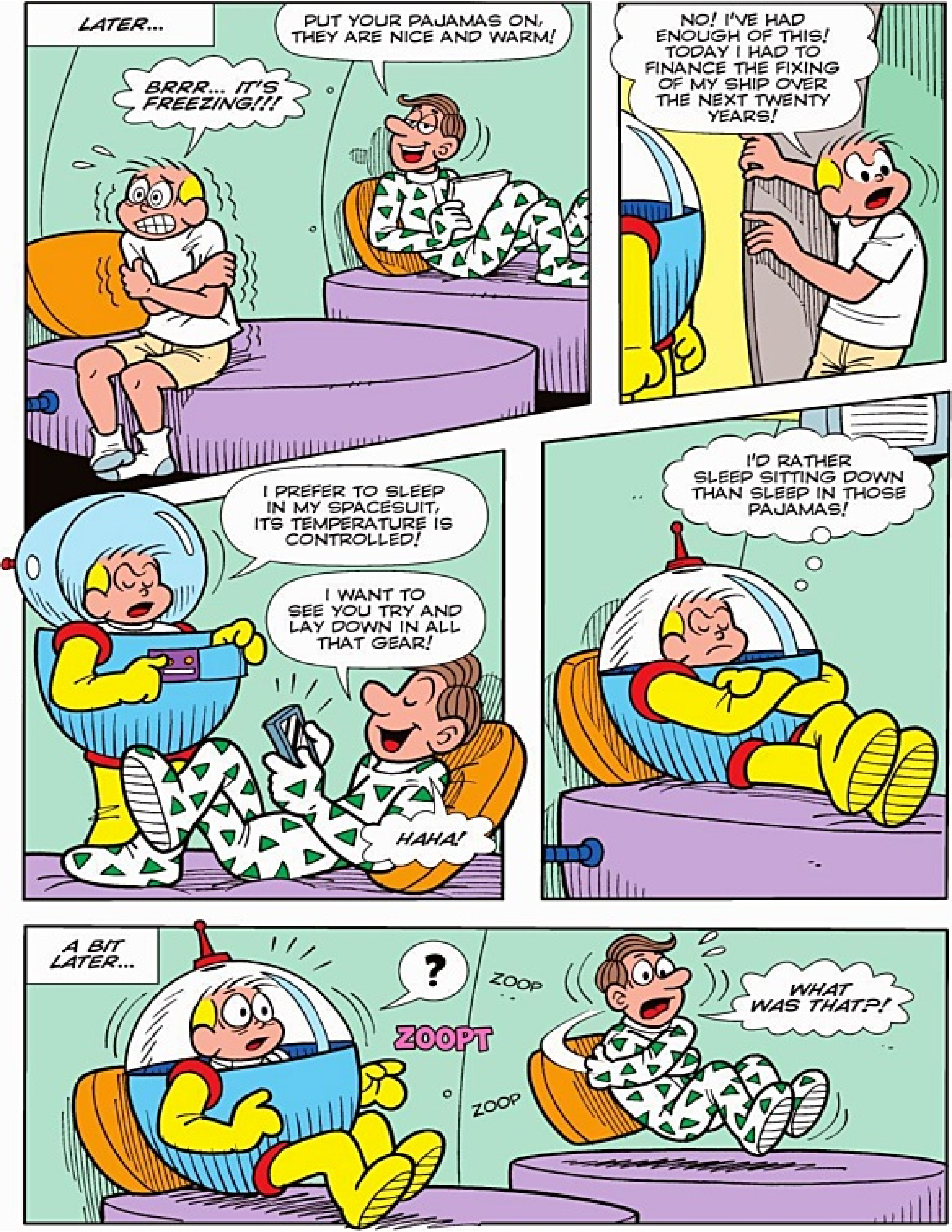
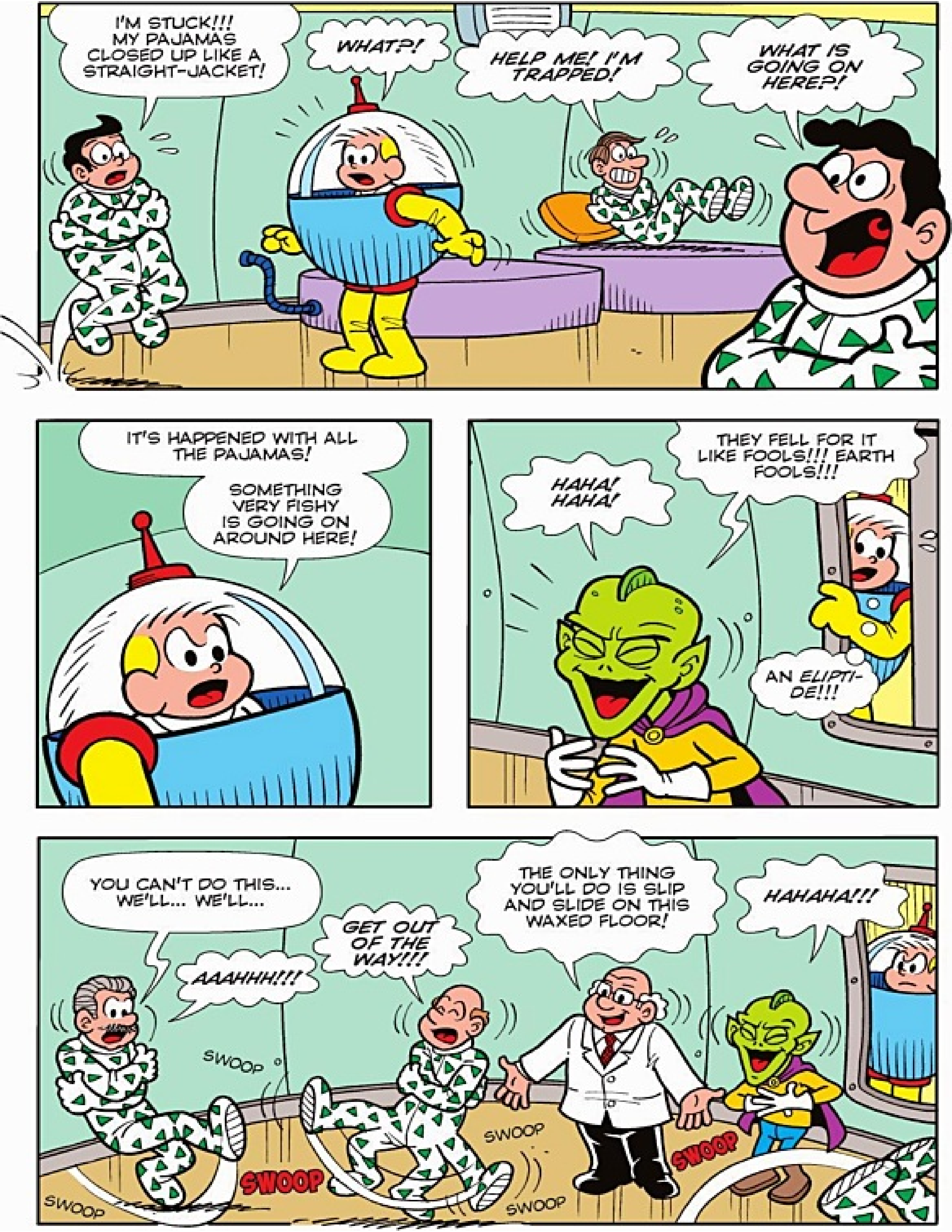

IF I DIDN'T KNOW THIS WAS SUCH A SERIOUS PLACE I COULD SWEAR THAT THIS WAS ALL ONE BIG PRANK!
A BIT LATER...
TIME TO SLEEP!
TAKE YOUR PAJAMAS!
WHAT NEW NONSENSE IS THIS?!
FINANCIAL MANAGER'S ORDERS!
EVERYONE HAS TO GET EIGHT HOURS OF SLEEP PER NIGHT!
?
BUT WHO WILL BE ON LOOKOUT AT BASE COMMAND?
NOBODY! IT WILL BE ON AUTOPILOT!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE YOUR PAJAMAS?
I DON'T SLEEP IN PAJAMAS!
I THINK IT'S BEST YOU LEARN HOW TO USE THEM!
IN TEN MINUTES THEY TURN OFF THE HEATING SYSTEM!


LATER...
BRRR... IT'S FREEZING!!!
PUT YOUR PAJAMAS ON, THEY ARE NICE AND WARM!
NO! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS! TODAY I HAD TO FINANCE THE FIXING OF MY SHIP OVER THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS!
I PREFER TO SLEEP IN MY SPACESUIT, ITS TEMPERATURE IS CONTROLLED!
I WANT TO SEE YOU TRY AND LAY DOWN IN ALL THAT GEAR!
HAHA!
I'D RATHER SLEEP SITTING DOWN THAN SLEEP IN THOSE PAJAMAS!
A BIT LATER...
?
ZOOPT
ZOOP
ZOOP
WHAT WAS THAT?!


I'M STUCK!!! MY PAJAMAS CLOSED UP LIKE A STRAIGHT-JACKET!
WHAT?!
HELP ME! I'M TRAPPED!
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?!
IT'S HAPPENED WITH ALL THE PAJAMAS!
SOMETHING VERY FISHY IS GOING ON AROUND HERE!
HAHA! HAHA!
THEY FELL FOR IT LIKE FOOLS!!! EARTH FOOLS!!!
AN ELIPTI-DE!!!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS... WE'LL... WE'LL...
AAAHHH!!!
GET OUT OF THE WAY!!!
THE ONLY THING YOU'LL DO IS SLIP AND SLIDE ON THIS WAXED FLOOR!
HAHAHA!!!
SWOOP
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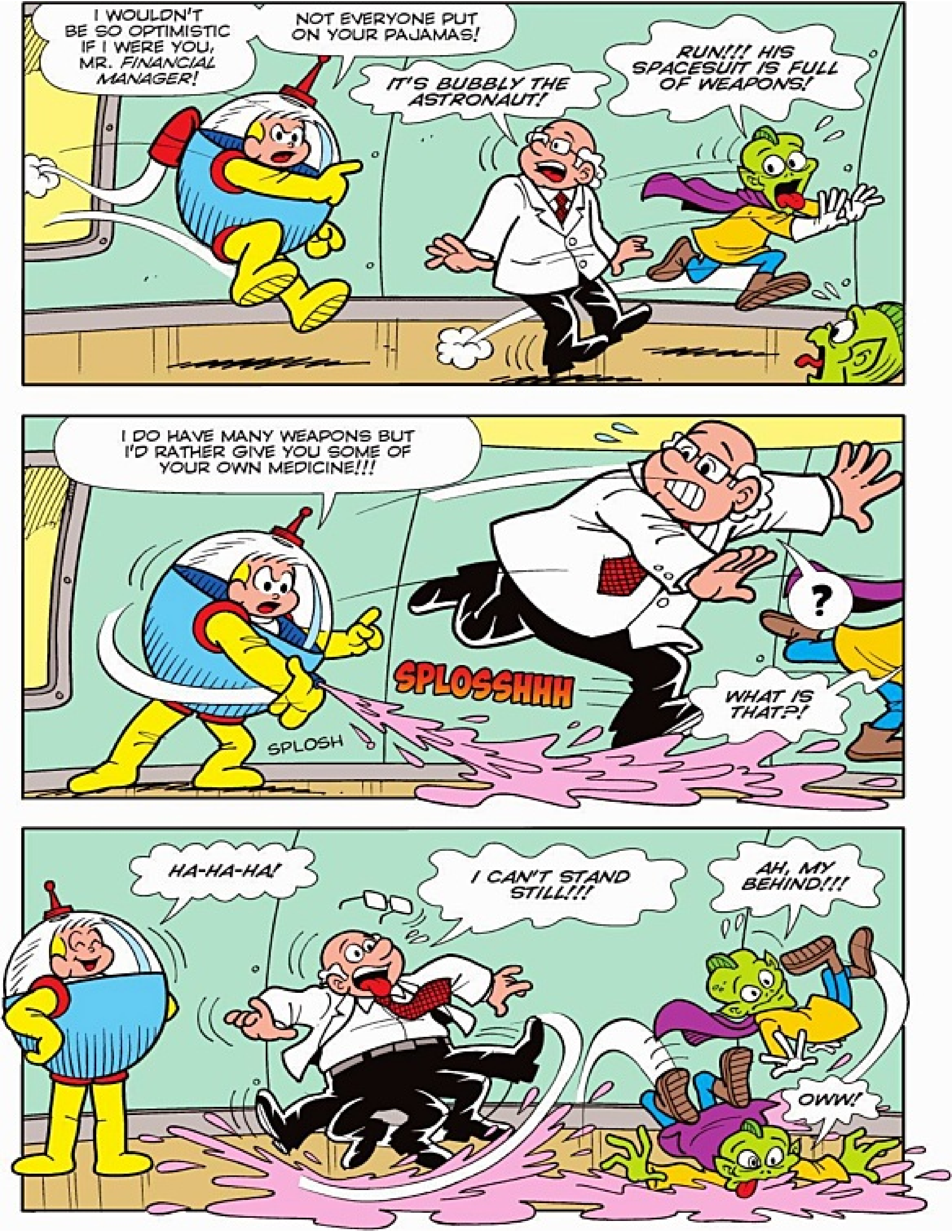
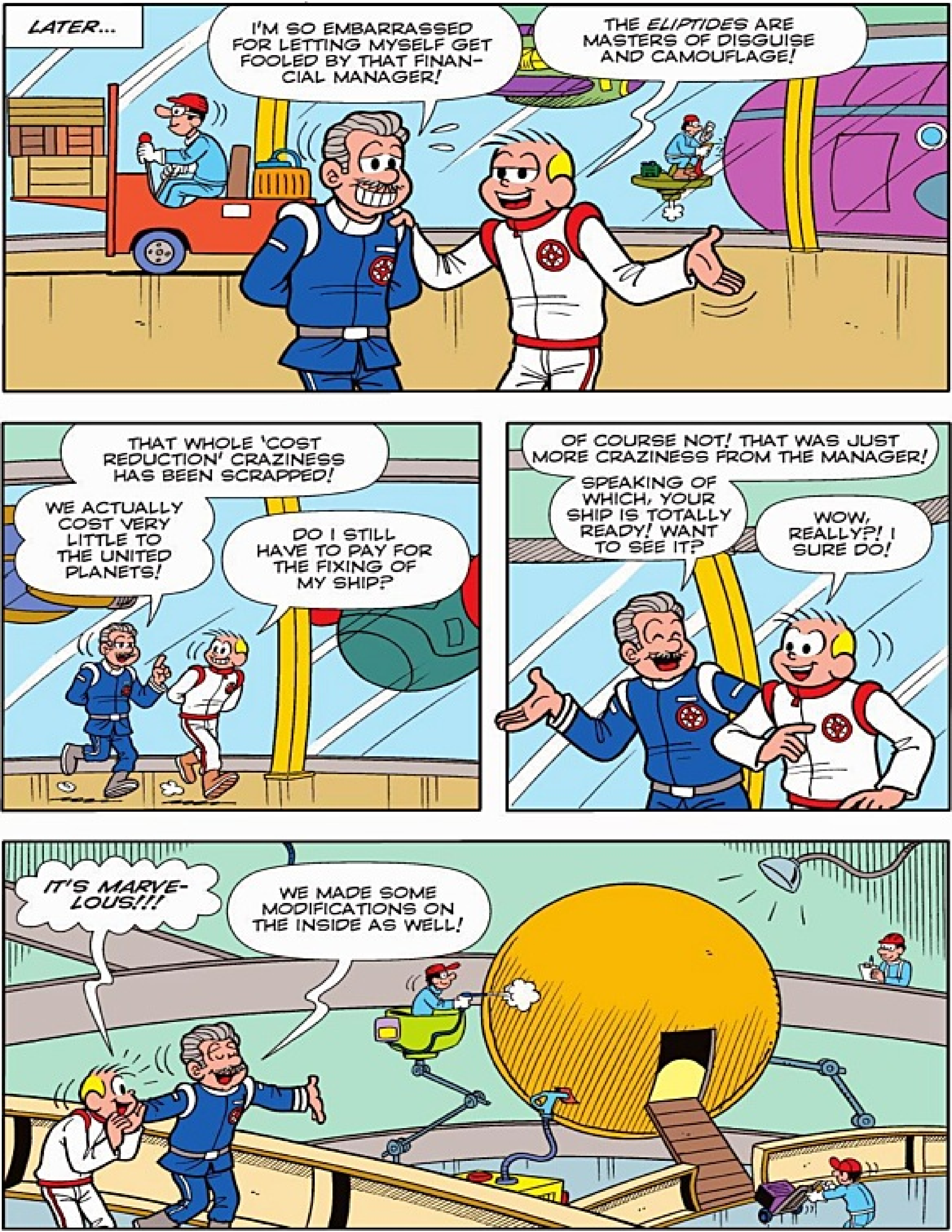
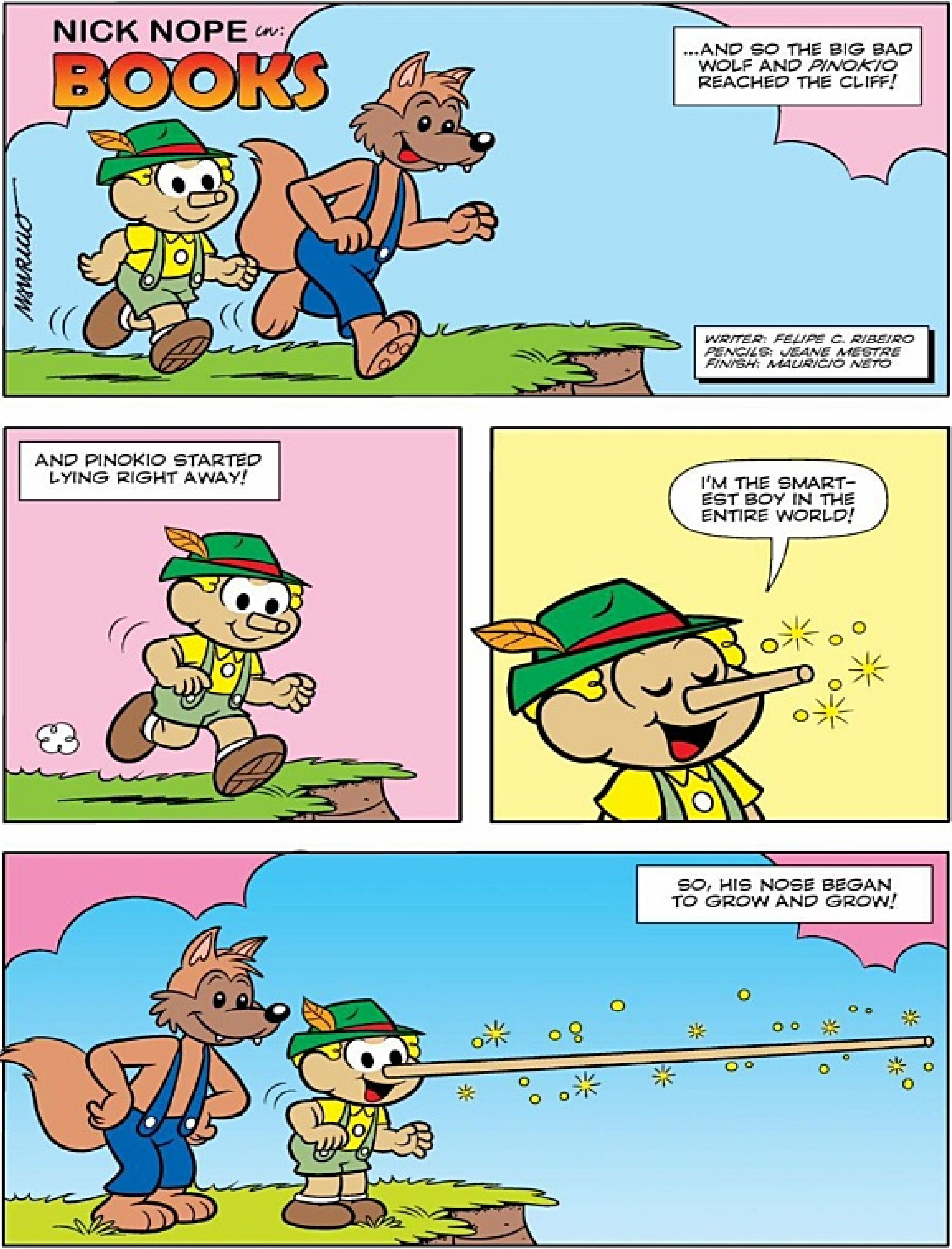

I WOULDN'T BE SO OPTIMISTIC IF I WERE YOU, MR. FINANCIAL MANAGER!
NOT EVERYONE PUT ON YOUR PAJAMAS!
IT'S BUBBLY THE ASTRONAUT!
RUN!!! HIS SPACESUIT IS FULL OF WEAPONS!
I DO HAVE MANY WEAPONS BUT I'D RATHER GIVE YOU SOME OF YOUR OWN MEDICINE!!!
?
SPLOSSHHH
SPLOSH
WHAT IS THAT?!
HA-HA-HA!
I CAN'T STAND STILL!!!
AH, MY BEHIND!!!
OWW!


LATER...
I'M SO EMBARRASSED FOR LETTING MYSELF GET FOOLED BY THAT FINAN-CIAL MANAGER!
THE *ELIPTIDES* ARE MASTERS OF DISGUISE AND CAMOUFLAGE!
THAT WHOLE 'COST REDUCTION' CRAZINESS HAS BEEN SCRAPPED!
WE ACTUALLY COST VERY LITTLE TO THE UNITED PLANETS!
DO I STILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THE FIXING OF MY SHIP?
OF COURSE NOT! THAT WAS JUST MORE CRAZINESS FROM THE MANAGER!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, YOUR SHIP IS TOTALLY READY! WANT TO SEE IT?
WOW, REALLY?! I SURE DO!
IT'S MARVE-LOUS!!!
WE MADE SOME MODIFICATIONS ON THE INSIDE AS WELL!

I LOVE THE COLOR! IT MAKES IT LOOK MORE SPACIOUS!
IT WAS IN NEED OF A REFORM!
WE ALSO TOOK THE TIME TO CHANGE YOUR SPACESUIT A LITTLE BIT AS WELL!
AWESOME!
!
HA-HA!!!
VERY FUNNY, GUYS!!!
HAHAHA!!!
END


NICK NOPE in:
BOOKS
...AND SO THE BIG BAD WOLF AND PINOKIO REACHED THE CLIFF!
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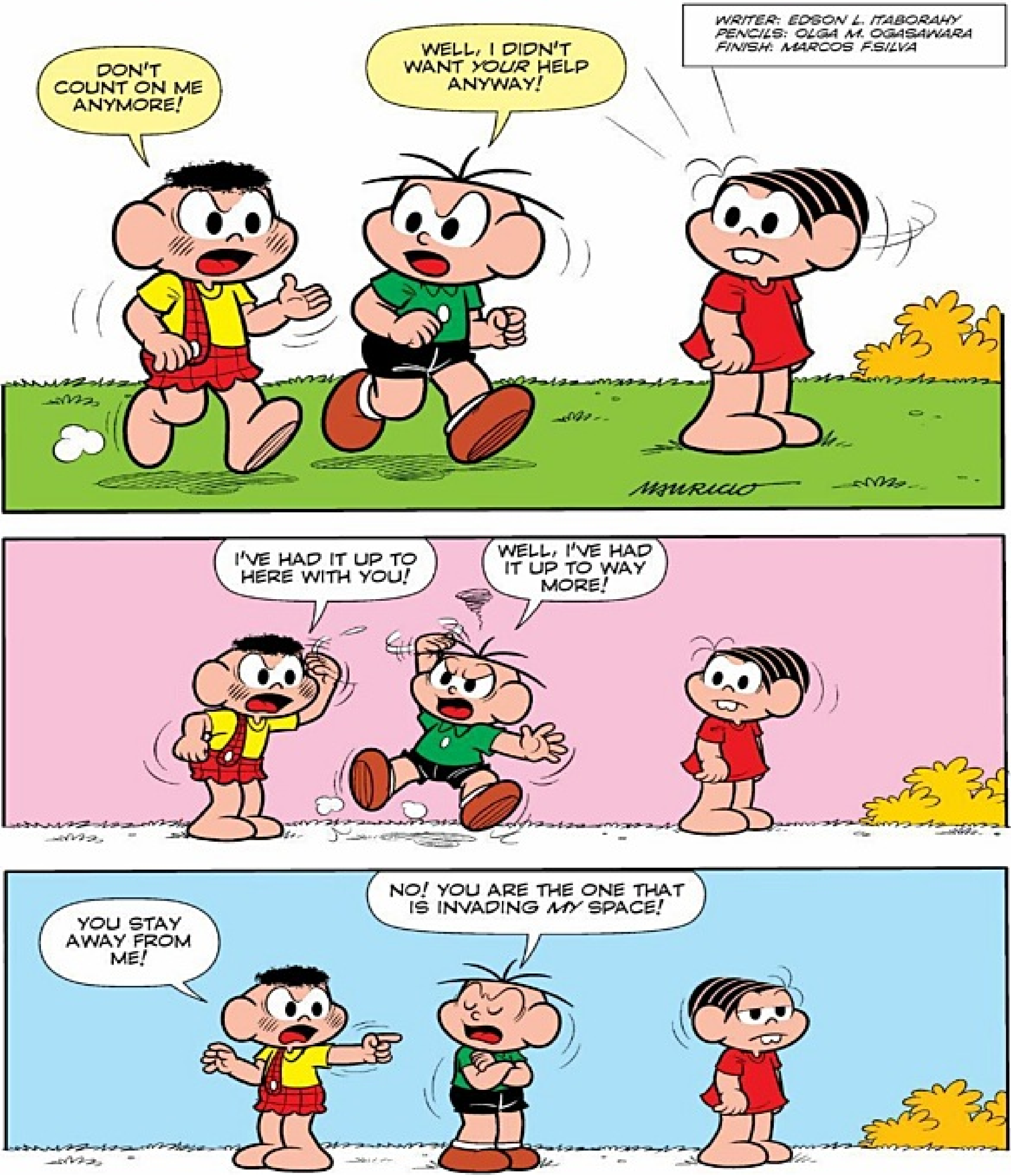
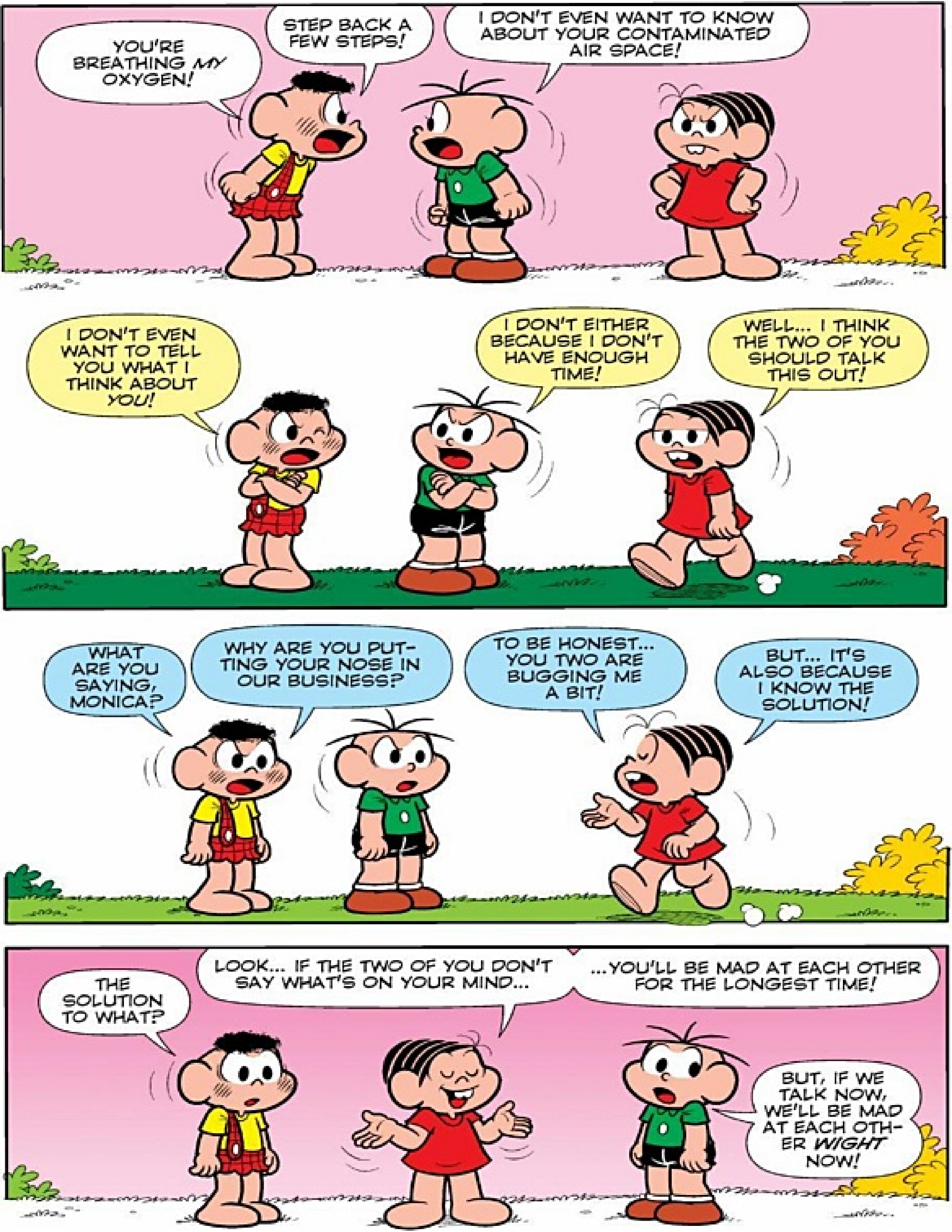
PENCILS: JEANE MESTRE
FINISH: MAURICIO NETO
AND PINOKIO STARTED LYING RIGHT AWAY!
I'M THE SMART-EST BOY IN THE ENTIRE WORLD!
SO, HIS NOSE BEGAN TO GROW AND GROW!

WHEN HIS NOSE WAS LONG ENOUGH, THE BIG BAD WOLF CLIMBED ON TOP OF IT...
IT'S UP TO YOU NOW!
...AND REACHED THE WINDOW WHERE THE GIRL WITH LONG HAIR LIVED UP IN THE TOWER!
COME WITH ME, BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS!
VERY CREATIVE, YOUR STORY! BUT I THINK IT'S PROBABLY BEST TO READ YOU ONE BOOK AT A TIME BEFORE YOU SLEEP!
END

Monica in THE BOX OF TRUTH

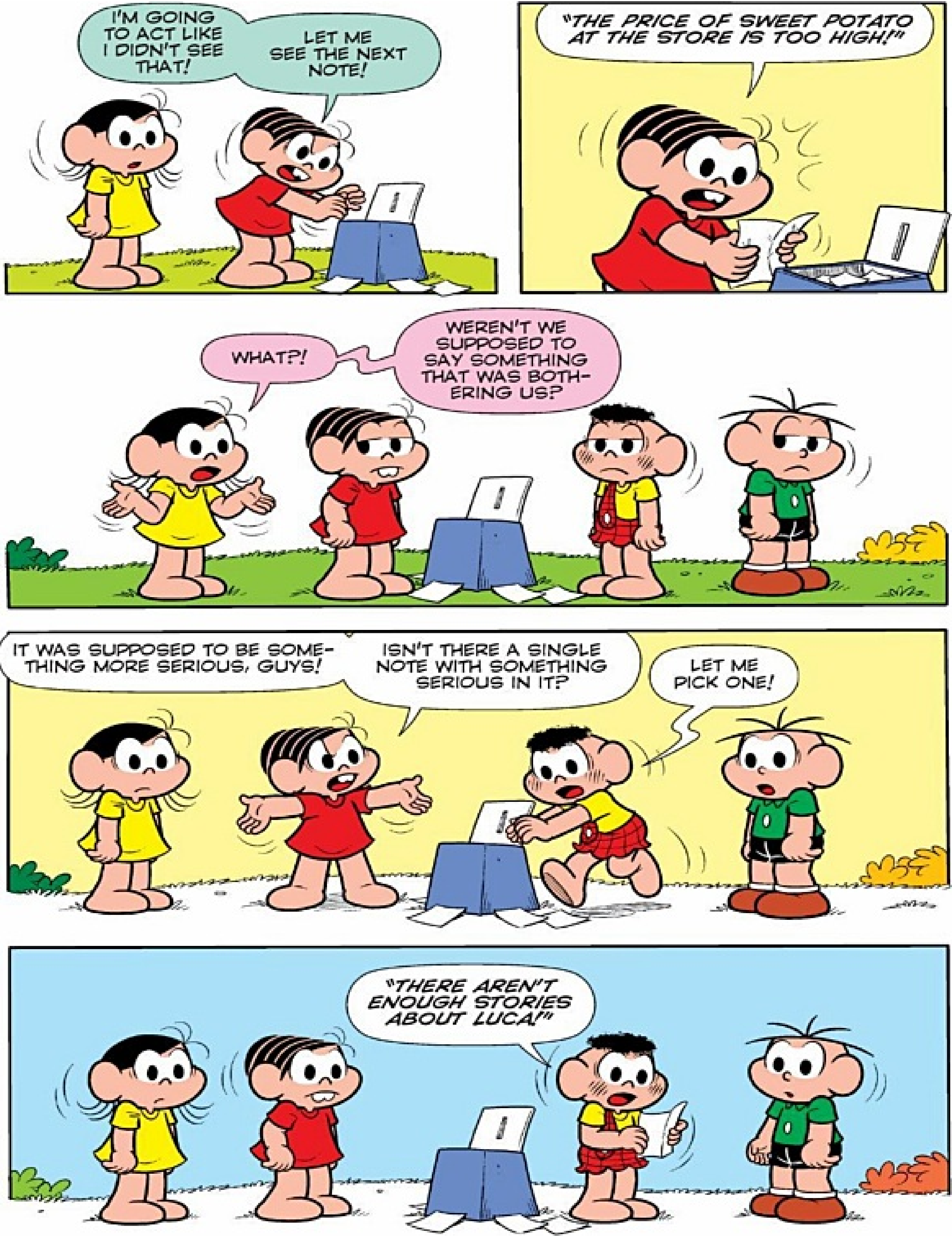




YOU'RE BREATHING *MY* OXYGEN!
STEP BACK A FEW STEPS!
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR CONTAMINATED AIR SPACE!
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO TELL YOU WHAT I THINK ABOUT *YOU*!
I DON'T EITHER BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME!
WELL... I THINK THE TWO OF YOU SHOULD TALK THIS OUT!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, MONICA?
WHY ARE YOU PUTTING YOUR NOSE IN OUR BUSINESS?
TO BE HONEST... YOU TWO ARE BUGGING ME A BIT!
BUT... IT'S ALSO BECAUSE I KNOW THE SOLUTION!
THE SOLUTION TO WHAT?
LOOK... IF THE TWO OF YOU DON'T SAY WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND...
...YOU'LL BE MAD AT EACH OTHER FOR THE LONGEST TIME!
BUT, IF WE TALK NOW, WE'LL BE MAD AT EACH OTHER *WIGHT* NOW!

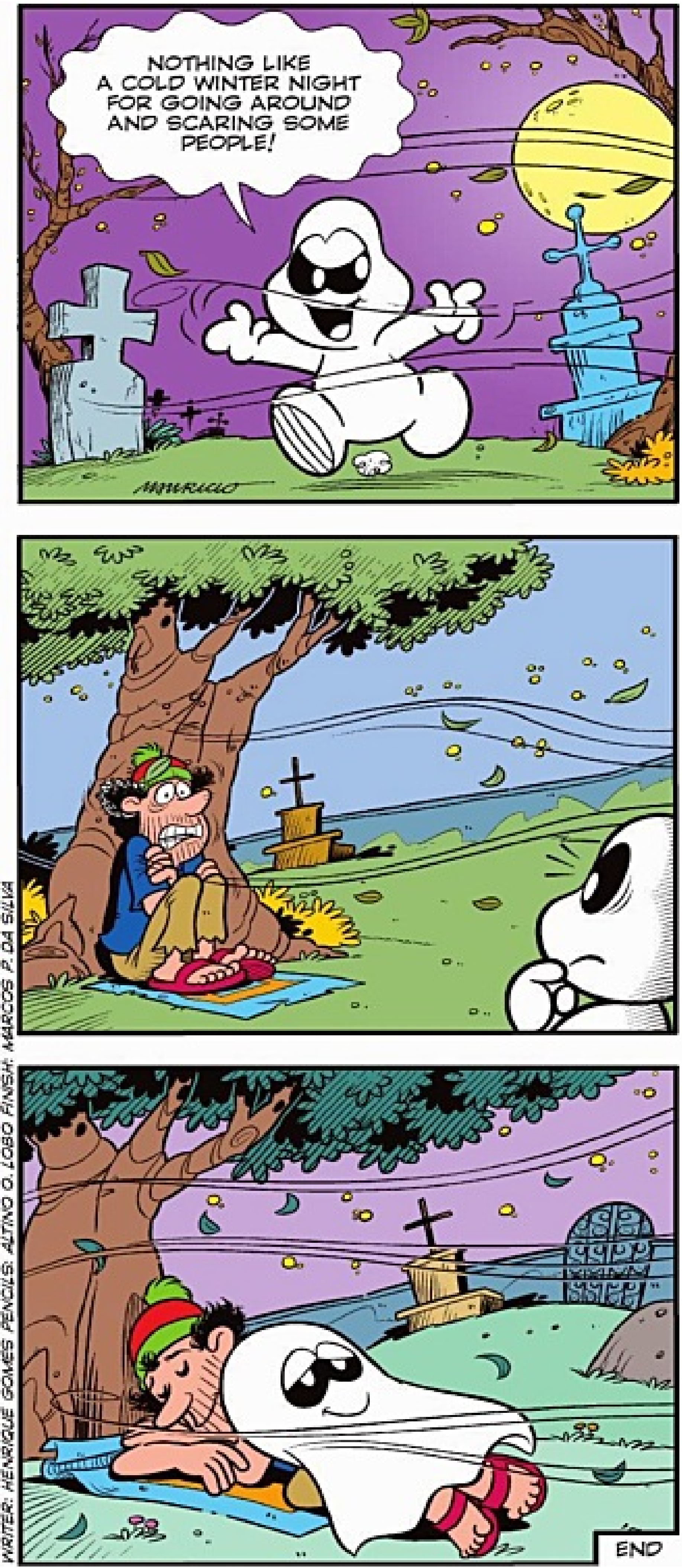
I HAD AN IDEA...
...A WAY FOR THE BOTH OF YOU TO SAY WHAT YOU ARE THINKING WITHOUT CAUSING ANY MORE FIGHTS!
THE TRUTH BOX!
THE TRUTH BOX?
WHAT'S THAT?
YOU KNOW WHEN YOU WANT TO TELL YOUR FRIEND SOME-THING, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW?
YOU KNOW, JUST GIVE THEM A HEAD'S UP ABOUT SOME-THING?
YOU WRITE IT DOWN AND PUT IT IN THE TRUTH BOX!
YOU THINK?
IT MIGHT WORK...

HEY, MONICA! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
WE ARE DOING THE TRUTH BOX EXERCISE!
IF YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING THAT'S BOTHERING YOU...
...YOU JUST PUT IT ON A PIECE OF PAPER AND PUT IT IN THIS BOX!
SWEET IDEA! I WANT TO DO IT TOO!
I'M GOING TO WRITE ONE AS WELL!
I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER NOW THAT I'VE SAID!
I MEAN, NOW THAT I'VE *WWITTEN!*
THERE, THE BOX IS FULL! WE CAN OPEN IT UP!
LET ME READ THE FIRST NOTE...
OH, WHOA... WHO PUT THAT THERE?


I'M GOING TO ACT LIKE I DIDN'T SEE THAT!
LET ME SEE THE NEXT NOTE!
"THE PRICE OF SWEET POTATO AT THE STORE IS TOO HIGH!"
WHAT?!
WEREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO SAY SOMETHING THAT WAS BOTH-ERING US?
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SOME-THING MORE SERIOUS, GUYS!
ISN'T THERE A SINGLE NOTE WITH SOMETHING SERIOUS IN IT?
LET ME PICK ONE!
"THERE AREN'T ENOUGH STORIES ABOUT LUCA!"

WHO WROTE THAT?! GOOD NOTE!
WAS THAT YOU, MAGGY?
BE SEWIOUS! I'M GOING TO PICK ONE NOW!
THIS ONE IS GOOD!
"SOME PEOPLE ARE SO INCOMPE-TENT..."
"...THAT THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO IMITATE OWLS!"
WHAT A STRANGE NOTE!
I THINK IT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE!
PERFECT NOTE!
OH, MY TURN!!!
"SOME PEOPLE ARE SO DUMB THAT THEY DON'T KNOW OWLS ONLY GO OUT AT NIGHT!"
WOW! THAT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE TOO!

"BUT... FAT MONICA WOULD BELIEVE IT..."
"...IF EVEWYONE STUCK TO THE PLAN..."
"NOT EVEN BUCKTOOTH MONICA WOULD BELIEVE IN A TALKING OWL!"
"THE OWL WOULD BE FWOM ANOTHER PLANET..."
"EVEWYONE IS AFWAID OF AN OWL FWOM SPACE!"
RABBITS AREN'T SCARED OF OWLS!
WHAT?! YES THEY ARE! WHO MADE THAT NOTE UP?
OOH, THAT RABBIT?!
I KNEW THAT THIS WHOLE *TWUTH* BOX IDEA...
...WASN'T A GOOD ONE!
I'LL TELL YOU A TRUTH...
...BEST THING TO DO IS TO BE QUIET AND RUNNN!!!
END



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